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ON THE COVER: Among D.C.'s hottest chefs is business graduate Erik Bruner-Yang '07, owner of Toki Underground. Patrons of his Taiwanese-style noodle and dumpling shop, the first in Washington, D.C., wait patiently for hours for bowls of steaming made-to-order ramen.

Photo by Dayna Smith

THIS SPREAD: Skating in the Great Hall? Cool! Left to right, Erin Hill, Hannah Tibbett, Anna DeMarr, and Carol Killian take to the "ice" – a slick plastic surface – during Winter Carnival. Besides an indoor rink, the late-January event included hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and Build-a-Bear fun to benefit the American Heart Association.

Photo by Norm Shafer



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Alumna's Estate Endows Eight Professorships



Shirley Van Epps Waple '52

The University of Mary Washington recently received one of its largest-ever gifts in support of academics. The \$2.5-million bequest came from longtime University supporter **Shirley Van Epps Waple '52**, who passed away on Sept. 4, 2010.

Her gift established eight professorships that will recognize excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship. The terms specified one professorship in business, one in economics, and six in areas left to the discretion of the UMW president.

In November, President Richard V. Hurley announced a Waple Professorship for the College of Education and five in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Waple Professorships will enable UMW to attract, retain, and acknowledge outstanding faculty experts, Hurley said.

A psychology major and member of the UMW Heritage Society, Waple had endowed a scholarship for students with financial need and made a gift to name an office in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

"She was always very proud that she graduated from Mary Washington," stepson Robert Corder told *The Bullet* student newspaper. "It was important to her to give back to her alma mater."

A New York native, Waple started the debt-collection agency Professional Adjustment Bureau Inc. of Troy with her late husband, Harry. She served as its president. Waple was active with credit and collectors associations and was a consummate community volunteer, lending her efforts to organizations in support of history, literacy, and the arts.

Waple died at age 78 in her home in Richmond, where she had lived since 1999.

On the Web

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No Injuries in Mason Hall Blaze



The Free Lance-Star

Sprinkler-soaked rugs hang outside Mason Hall after a fire there in November.

A recent fire that broke out on the fifth floor of Mason Hall brought the Mary Washington community together.

The blaze started about 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, less than two months after a rededication ceremony marked the end of renovations to the Randolph-Mason complex. There were no injuries. Emergency responders contained fire damage to one room,

but there was some water damage in the building.

"When things like this happen, we have a job to do," said Director of Residence Life Christine M. Porter, who was among administrators who stayed on campus through the night. "Keeping students informed, making sure they're safe – they're at the forefront of our procedures."

Alarm and sprinkler systems functioned efficiently, the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to the scene, and the entire complex – including The Link connecting Randolph and Mason residence halls – was evacuated.

Displaced students received regular updates from UMW, and fellow students and faculty posted offers of help on Facebook and Twitter. Residents of Randolph and the Link were admitted to their rooms later that evening, but Mason residents were relocated across campus. With few exceptions, students were allowed to return to their rooms on Sunday.

Fredericksburg officials determined the fire was caused by a small appliance.

On Nov. 17, the UMW Board of Visitors issued a resolution commending the professional response of senior-level administrators and University departments, including Residence Life, UMW Police, Emergency Management and Safety, Facilities and Housekeeping, University Events, and University Relations.

Learning by Giving

Thanks to a class at UMW and a generous benefactor, hundreds of uninsured women will have access to life-saving health screenings.

Students in last semester's Economics of Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector class awarded \$10,500 in grants to three Fredericksburg-area nonprofit organizations, including more than \$3,000 to the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic. Operated by the Fredericksburg Area Regional Health Council, the clinic will use the funds to buy additional equipment for such cancer screenings as breast exams and Pap smears.

The class gave more than \$5,000 to Serenity Home of Fredericksburg, which serves chemically dependent

men, to refurbish bedrooms. It granted \$2,400 to THRIVE, The Healing Center, to fund employment-training programs for women.

Professor of Economics Robert Rycroft teaches his Economics of Philanthropy class how philanthropic organizations invest wisely for the good of the community. He guides students as they create a nonprofit organization, solicit grant nominations, review applicants, and choose recipients – all in one very busy semester.

The Learning by Giving Foundation, a project of philanthropist Doris Buffett



Karen Pearlman

Doris Buffett and Economics of Philanthropy students gave more than \$10,000 to area nonprofits in December.

and her grandson Alex Rozek, supports the class and 16 like it at universities across the country. The foundation funds \$10,000 in grants annually for the spring class at Mary Washington. This year, UMW students also raised \$500 through bake sales and a restaurant donation. The Mary Washington class has awarded more than \$80,000 in grants during its eight years.



Experience Inspires Spaniard to Guide Students Abroad



Norm Shafer

As a teenager studying abroad in the U.S., Jose Sainz ate his first American meal at Burger King. Now, as UMW's first director of the Center for International Education, the Spanish professor would like to give all Mary Washington students the chance to experience a different culture.

Jose Sainz was 18 when he left his home in the bustling city of Bilbao, Spain, to live with a host family in a one-stoplight Michigan town.

"Being flown out to the middle of Detroit, it was like, 'Where do I go from here?'" Sainz, UMW associate professor of Spanish, said about the start of his experience as an exchange student in the '80s. But confusion turned to confidence as he got used to American culture and learned to thrive in it.

Since he stepped onto the Fredericksburg campus in 2001, Sainz has pushed to give Mary Washington students the same opportunity he had. Each year since, he has led students to his native Bilbao. And in 2011, he established the Center for International Education. Now, as the center's first director, he wants all UMW students to study abroad.

"It really complements their education," regardless of major, said Sainz, an authority on the history, politics, and culture of 20th-century Spain. He earned a master's degree in foreign language and Spanish literature at West Virginia University and a doctorate in peninsular Spanish literature from the University of Maryland. "There's no lecture, no class, no seminar that will mirror the learning that takes place 24/7 in a foreign country."

Each year about 300 UMW students study abroad all over Europe and in places like Tanzania, Peru, Quebec, and Shanghai. If a Mary Washington program doesn't exist in a desired location, the University can work to create one. Only destinations deemed dangerous by the Department of State are off-limits.

UMW students "have the world," said Sainz, who lives in Spotsylvania County with his wife and three children, ages 4, 6, and 8.

He has seen Mary Washington's faculty-led programs flourish – 18 were offered this year. Students also can gain cross-cultural experience through partner programs with foreign universities or by doing internships, volunteer work, or research abroad. And, for those who come from other countries to teach or learn at UMW, the Center for International Education helps with immigration status, housing, and a host of other issues.

On Sainz's summertime teaching treks – called "Spain for All" to encourage participation from every major – some attractions, like the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona or the Roman aqueducts in Segovia, always impress.

"You could have read about it. You could have seen a video on YouTube. You could have Googled it or Google Mapped it," Sainz said. "It's a completely different experience to actually witness it firsthand."

Students learn more about American culture, too, when inquisitive natives press them for details about traditions like Thanksgiving and the Super Bowl. Plus, learning outside the U.S. offers global perspective, college credit, and advantages in getting into grad school, snagging internships, and landing jobs.

Jen Crystle '13, who studied in Spain two years ago, said the experience made a profound personal impact and changed her professional goals.

"My semester in Bilbao has played the most prominent role in shaping my college career," said Crystle, now a student aide at the center. "Dr. Sainz encouraged me to integrate my study-abroad experience into my professional plans, and it's because of him that I really began to think seriously about a career in international education."

To broadcast the benefits of study abroad, Sainz and his colleagues, including Cheryl Mason, the center's assistant director, organize info sessions, send newsletters, and host fairs. With Career Services, they've created seminars to help returning students with re-entry – think leaving London to come back to Fredericksburg – and with marketing their experiences to employers.

It's all part of a puzzle Sainz started piecing together as a teenager on that first trip to the U.S.

"When I talk to students, I tell them, 'I'm a product of study abroad. I've gone through the whole experience – culture shock, reverse culture shock, learning to deal with challenges,'" Sainz said. "I always wanted to take students abroad. I think I've come full circle."

– Lisa Chinn '92

Globe-Trotters

Hundreds of UMW students studied in foreign countries last year, and more are signed up to do the same in 2013.

"With Dr. Sainz's leadership, we have been on the grow!" said Study Abroad Program Assistant Kate Jordan.

The current Top-10 single-country study-abroad destinations for University of Mary Washington students are:

1. Spain
2. France
3. Ireland
4. England
5. Italy
6. Honduras
7. Guatemala
8. Germany
9. Australia
10. Trinidad

Concept to Curtain



A spring art exhibit highlights the background work theatrical designers do to bring dramatic productions to life.

The exhibit *SPOTLIGHT: Designers from the UMW Department of Theatre and Dance* will offer a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of theatrical design.

"Before the curtain opens, the set must be imagined, the costumes designed and sewn, the props conceptualized and crafted," wrote exhibit curator Rosemary Jesionowski, UMW assistant professor of multiple imaging.

The exhibit features drawings, renderings, and models from current and former UMW faculty designers, including Julie Hodge, scenic and lighting designer; David Hunt, scenic designer; and Kevin McCluskey, costume designer. Part of UMW Theatre's 100th anniversary celebration, the show runs March 22 through April 26 at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

Related events include:

• **UMW ElderStudy Lecture, *Spotlight: Designers***, presented by Rosemary Jesionowski, and sponsored by Bob and Carole Hanus. April 3,

10 a.m., Klein Theatre and Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

• **UMW Galleries Spring Lecture, *From Curation to Creation: 100 Years of Theatre at UMW***, by Rosemary Jesionowski and Kevin McCluskey. Talk will address the inspiration behind pieces and how they were selected for the exhibit. April 14, 2 p.m., Combs Hall 139. Admission is free, but reservations are required; call 540/654-1013.

Other exhibits sponsored by UMW Galleries include: **Senior Exhibitions** on display in duPont Gallery, March 21-29, and the **Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition** in duPont, April 11-21.

Also on campus, UMW Theatre presents ***The Tempest*** April 11-20 in Klein Theatre. William Shakespeare's magical tale of ambition, redemption, forgiveness, and revenge is a must-see for spring. Times and admission fees vary. For more information, call the Box Office at 540/654-111.



Kimmie Barkley '14



A Lively Reflection

When the Eagles basketball teams take the floor for home games, the University of Mary Washington Pep Band makes sure fans' excitement stays high until the final buzzer sounds. The band, formed this year, is an officially recognized student group with about 20 members. One of the most spirited is **Ronald May '16**, pictured above. Not only does the band pump up athletes and spectators, it connects with the community by inviting local high school students to perform during games. "We get a lot of positive comments, especially when people see us for the first time," said bandleader Jim Ford, an adjunct instructor of music. The faculty adviser is Kevin Bartram, director of the orchestra.

Richardson Receives First Farmer Award

The University of Mary Washington bestowed its inaugural James Farmer Award on Xavier Richardson in February. The recipient is executive vice president of corporate development and community affairs for Mary Washington Healthcare, and he's known in the region for his volunteer efforts with many community organizations and mentoring services for youth.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School, the Fredericksburg native established a successful career on Wall Street. He returned to support young people in the community that nurtured him when he was a boy. Richardson is a member of the UMW Board of Visitors and is on the board of directors for the James Farmer Scholars program. He is president of the foundations of Mary Washington Hospital and Stafford Hospital.

The James Farmer Award is given to an individual who exemplifies a commitment to serving others and to the ideals espoused and practiced by the late civil rights leader James Farmer, distinguished professor emeritus of history and American studies.



Xavier Richardson

Who's the Next Great Life?

The 10th season of the Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series began in January and continues through April. The lineup of lectures by authors on biographies they've recently published features a fascinating array of historical and cultural icons.

- March 19 **Winston Churchill**, by Jeremy Black: *A History of the British Isles*
- March 26 **The Pacific Admirals of World War II**, by Walter R. Borneman: *The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King – The Five-Star Admirals Who Won the War at Sea*
- April 2 **Queen Elizabeth II**, by Sally Bedell Smith: *Elizabeth the Queen*
- April 9 **Bill Wilson**, the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, by Susan Cheever: *My Name Is Bill: Bill Wilson – His Life and the Creation of Alcoholics Anonymous*
- April 11 **Ernest Hemingway**, by Paul Hendrickson: *Hemingway's Boat*
- April 16 **Rasputin**, by Joseph Fuhrmann: *Rasputin: The Untold Story*
- April 18 **Abraham Lincoln**, by Michael Burlingame: *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*
- April 23 **Michelangelo**, by William Wallace: *Michelangelo: The Artist, the Man, and His Times*
- April 25 **Madness and Greatness**, by Nassir Ghaemi: *A First-Rate Madness*

Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium and are free to the public. Find more information and a lecture video archive at umw.edu/greatlives.

A Domain of Her Own

As a kid in the '90s and '00s, **Haley Campbell '13** grew up with the Internet. She played computer games, learned to type from an educational software program, and experimented with blogs and fan fiction. In middle school, she tinkered with HTML coding and creating a website.

As moms and dads do, Campbell's parents urged her to be safe on the Web. But they didn't discourage her, even if they didn't see the attraction.

As Campbell puts it, "Every generation comes up with something that the previous generation shakes their head and says, 'Really guys? Is *that* what you're going to do?'"

But it wasn't until she got to the University of Mary Washington and enrolled in classes on new media that Campbell started thinking analytically about the Internet's potential to educate on a macro scale, and to swiftly shape and change consensus.

In addition to taking classes such as digital storytelling – called ds106 – Campbell is among about 400 people piloting Mary Washington's Domain of One's Own initiative, which started last fall. The program, offered through the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies and the office of Information Technology Services, provides domains and Web hosting for students and faculty.

While Domain of One's Own is intentionally unstructured – the idea is for users to define for themselves what they will present on the Web – it encourages students to own and control their online presence. Some may use their domains strictly as e-portfolios. Others, including Campbell, take a broader approach.

Campbell's aetherbunny.com domain is constantly evolving. She's used it for her digital storytelling projects and as an academic blog.

Exploring the possibilities of the Web just makes sense. "A lot of people take the Internet for granted. They know they have to use it, but they don't necessarily think about how they're using it," she said. Domain of One's

Own, a nod to Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, fosters "critical thinking about those tools."

The Web can be used badly, in prefab, uninspired ways. But it also can be, she said, "a brilliant, beautiful smorgasbord of creativity."

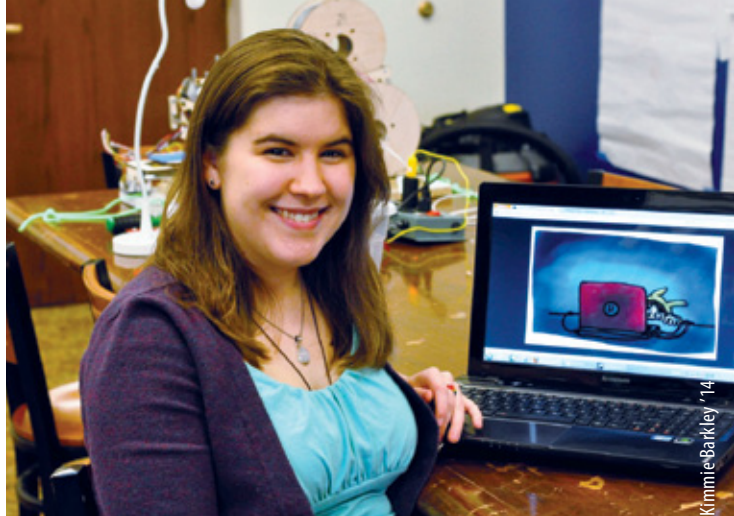
And it's important not to think of the Internet as a monolithic entity, she said. "It's a massive collection of networked tools we can use and take control of if we're willing to put in the time and energy."

One example of that is what Campbell calls curating, the constant re-evaluating and editing of one's online presence. That can involve removing content, but it may more effectively entail updating existing content. For example, a college senior entering the professional world might use her personal domain to acknowledge an essay she posted as a teenager, but add a note reflecting how her views have changed.

Taking that approach during college can ease seniors' anxiety that graduate schools or employers will turn up embarrassing teenage blogs, photos, or tweets. "The more aggressively you prune and update your personal Web presence," she said, "the more recent stuff people will find."

Tim Owens, instruction technology specialist and co-creator of Domain of One's Own, applauds Campbell's resourcefulness.

"Haley's experience of exploring and controlling her digital identity is what we want for all students at Mary Washington," Owens said. "Some students may choose to continue using spaces like Facebook, Tumblr, and Twitter, but the important part is that we are handing control of those choices to the students and providing them the opportunity to explore



Haley Campbell '13 is among about 400 students and faculty who have online domains thanks to a pilot program of the University. Domain of One's Own allows participants to shape their online identities and explore how the Web can work for them.

what's out there and how they can define themselves online."

Campbell gets why participating in Domain of One's Own is not required, and she respects that some people just aren't all that interested in crafting an online presence. But she leapt on it.

"It's like being handed this massive box of toys and being told you can play with it if you want to, but you don't have to," she said with a laugh.

An English major with a concentration in creative writing, Campbell sees her UMW classes and Domain of One's Own opening professional opportunities. She's exploring educational technology and methods of open education such as massive open online courses, or MOOCs. She's learning "the pedagogical aspects of it – how teachers are teaching, and what they're teaching about."

And as an accomplished poet – and 2013 winner of the UMW Barbara Thomas Phillips Creative Writing Scholarship – she's evaluating ways writers can attract readership beyond traditional publications.

She's finding creative inspiration online, using words, art, music, and online immediacy to shape narratives. But she hasn't lost sight of what drew her to the Web in the first place.

"Really," Campbell said, "I've been telling stories on the Internet for most of my life."

– Laura Moyer



Homework Helpers

When math homework stumped one Fredericksburg second-grader, her tutor sensed her frustration. UMW senior **Ciara Norquist** persuaded the youngster to take a break, and instead the two built charts together and focused on finding patterns.

Within minutes, the second-grader returned to her homework and completed it with ease.

Norquist is among more than 30 UMW tutors who've volunteered with Hungry Brains! at Hazel Hill, a tutoring program that started as the Hazel Hill Homework Club.

"For the kids, it's like having a second teacher. The one-on-one time is important," said Norquist, who's pursuing a master's degree in elementary education and hopes to teach third grade.

The club began last fall as a way to help UMW students fulfill the service-learning requirement in an Elementary Social Studies Methods class taught by John Broome, assistant professor in the College of Education. His class requires students to do 10 hours of service; many opt to volunteer as tutors for the homework club.

"Service learning is taking community service and combining it with the classroom curriculum and a component of critical reflection to make sense of experiences, enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and really strengthen the community," Broome said.

As many as three dozen first- through eighth-graders attend the after-school tutoring sessions. All live in Hazel Hill Apartments, a subsidized complex for economically challenged families.

Tutoring sessions, in which UMW students offer specialized help to youngsters, start with snacks and socializing and end with guided reading.

Volunteers say the rewards go both ways.

"As the teachers, it gives us a chance to apply the skills we learn in class," said



Kimie Barkley '14

Norquist, who continues to tutor even though her required service ended in December.

"I keep tutoring because I feel like my commitment is to the students at Hazel Hill, not to the 10 hours I needed for a class," she said.

She and undergraduate psychology major **Kelsie LaSalata '13** led the UMW student side of the homework club's development and launch, taking charge of scheduling, organizing, fundraising, and outreach.

"It really is UMW student-run," Broome said. "Its success is due to their dedication to improve the academic accomplishments of local children."

Norquist, who is now program manager, and LaSalata are always looking to enhance the program. Last semester, LaSalata worked on a plan to expand the Hazel Hill library. UMW students and faculty donated textbooks, and Hungry Brains! volunteers raised more than \$800 by selling the texts to a used-bookstore. The group is working with the National Housing Trust, which owns Hazel Hill Apartments, to secure grants for more

Senior Ciara Norquist, a volunteer with UMW's Hungry Brains! at Hazel Hill homework club, guides a second-grader through a tough math problem. Norquist met the service-learning requirement of her education class last fall, and now she manages the UMW student-run tutoring program for children.

books. They also hope to purchase touchscreen tablets for the program.

Students from the Department of Psychology and those completing general-education requirements for experiential learning also participated in the program this semester.

Ragan Bolick, Hazel Hill residential service coordinator, said the UMW tutors motivate the children and help them improve their skills.

"UMW has really embraced the whole community here," Bolick said. "And I'm thankful for that."

Read more on the *Hungry Brains!* blog at hazelhill.umwblogs.org.

— Charlotte Rodina '13

Lisa Chinn '92 contributed to this story.

UMW Warms Up Winter

Members of the University of Mary Washington community kept the gifts coming this winter, before – and after – the holidays. Students, staff, sports teams, clubs, and others gave blood, painted porches, and participated in an array of service projects designed to brighten the season for many Fredericksburg-area families.

Here are some ways UMW helped out in December:

- Members of club sports teams and the ELS Language Center arranged Toys for Tots collections, gathering games, books, and playthings as Christmas gifts for children in families facing financial hardships.
- The One Note Stand a cappella group asked those who came to its wintertime concert to bring nonperishable food items for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, and the Department of Athletics collected more than a ton of food for the organization.
- COAR conducted its annual Head Start Gift Box Drive, packing new toothbrushes, scarves, gloves, books, and toys for underprivileged children into gift-wrapped shoeboxes.
- The Staff Advisory Council arranged a communitywide Holiday Help for the Homeless drive to collect necessary items for needy families.

Here are some of the service projects that took place in January:

- The UMW community held a blood and bone marrow matching drive.
- The University invited children ages 5 to 12 to participate in games, activities, and crafts at the Woodard Campus Center.

- The James Farmer Multicultural Center posted a daylong list of service projects reflecting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s commitment to social justice and asked the UMW community to participate.
- UMW rugby club players spent a late January weekend painting, mulching, and doing various chores for Empowerhouse, formerly known as the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence.

Here is some information about how UMW athletes excel and give:

- UMW's 400-some varsity student-athletes carry full course loads, and more than half of them keep their grade point averages above 3.0. Still the Eagles' standing for overall athletic excellence stays at the top among Division III schools.
- Teams host clinics for local youngsters, officiate youth contests, and participate in the annual Special Olympics 5K Fun Run, hosted by UMW Basketball.
- During men's basketball season, players made regular visits to an elementary school to read to students.
- Women's teams have raised thousands of dollars for cancer research. Women's basketball players support Locks of Love, and some have donated their hair to make wigs for children with cancer.
- During its NCAA Final Four run last fall, UMW field hockey raised nearly \$1,500 for Alzheimer's disease awareness by sponsoring a walk.
- Women's soccer and basketball teams helped Friends of the Rappahannock with river conservation efforts.



Norm Shafer

Members of the UMW Praise Dance Club perform at Greenfield Senior Living during this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.



Norm Shafer

UMW students help a youngster do a craft in Great Hall during Martin Luther King Jr. Kids Day. Volunteers also led games and activities for Fredericksburg-area children.



Davis Colwell

Members of UMW men's and women's rowing teams spent a chilly Saturday morning collecting garbage for Friends of the Rappahannock.



Ken Tyler

Basketball players and their friends from Spotswood Elementary School celebrate an Eagles win at the Anderson Center in February.

Swimming Above the Challenge

By Clint Often



Maria Schultz

Alex Anderson veered off course after high school, but the record-setting sophomore, recently named Capital Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Year, is back on track at UMW.

When top Division I schools courted **Alex Anderson '15** for a swim scholarship in 2006, the high school senior wasn't ready.

Recruiters from universities in such states as Alabama, Arizona, and Indiana saw a record-setting competitor who took two state titles in the 500-yard freestyle. Anderson saw a commitment to academics he wasn't ready to make. He turned his back on school, and for a few years he lost his way – and his sport.

Seven years later he's making a name for himself as a UMW student-athlete on the Eagles swim team. In February, the sophomore was named Capital Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Year at a meet in which he broke four individual school and

conference records and swam in four record-breaking relays. He represents the University at the March NCAA Championships in Texas.

Meanwhile, the water helped Anderson get his life on track.

"Swimming turned into a therapeutic sport for me," said Anderson, who studies chemistry at Mary Washington. "By this I mean every time I jump in the pool I let all my troubles and worries float away. It seems like such a natural thing for me, like something I was born to do."

After high school in Vienna, Va., Anderson enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College, NOVA, but he wasn't interested in school. He often didn't show up for classes, and his grades stayed low. His mother lost a

battle with breast cancer in the summer of 2007; soon after that, he moved out of his father's house.

Over the next two years, Anderson shared an apartment with roommates and worked low-wage jobs to pay the bills. He was a waiter, a cashier, a cook, and a carpenter's apprentice. He managed a company that tended potted plants in offices and supermarkets.

It wasn't the life he wanted. He realized he was squandering his talent and an opportunity for something better.

He talked to his father, and they formed a plan. Anderson would get serious – go back to school, bring up his grades, and get back in the pool. The son moved back in with his dad, joined a club team, and trained to get back in



When Division I college teams courted Anderson in 2006, he wasn't ready to take the plunge. Now a sophomore at UMW, he'll head to his second Division III NCAA Championship March 20-23, this time in Texas, for the 2013 competition. Shown above left at practice, Anderson said swimming is something he "was born to do."

shape for competition.

Back at NOVA in spring 2010, Anderson retook several courses and signed up for something new – biology. The science class was his favorite, and he aced it. After that, he earned only A's – grades that could get him into a four-year college.

With new confidence in his academic ability, he no longer wanted only to swim. He decided on a Division III school that would allow him the flexibility to develop his sport and his brain. The science program at University of Mary Washington had a great reputation, and it was close to home. He went for it.

Anderson talked to Eagles swim coach Abby Brethauer, was admitted by the University, and enrolled for classes in August 2011.

When he is in the lane with rivals, he changes from the carefree swimmer in training.

"I bring a different attitude to my racing and competitive swimming," Anderson said. "I love to race. I can get competitive. I just want to win."

Anderson and Eagles swimming were a great fit from the start. His first season, he was one of the fastest swimmers, leading the men's team to its 12th consecutive CAC title.

He qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 50-yard freestyle, the 200-yard breaststroke, and the 400-yard individual medley. In his first NCAA Championship, he gained All-America status in the 400-yard individual medley with a ninth-place finish, easily winning the consolation final.

"I bring a different attitude to my racing and competitive swimming," Anderson said. "I love to race. I can get competitive. I just want to win."

As he heads to the NCAA Championships again this year, he's even faster, having just broken individual school and conference records in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly and the 50- and 200-yard freestyle. His relay teams – the 200-, 400-, and 800-yard freestyle and the 400-yard medley – also set school and conference records en route to the NCAAAs.

"Alex has the potential not only to be the most successful swimmer in the history of UMW swimming, but also to turn what have until this point only been program goals into

realities," Brethauer said. "Not only is he a talented swimmer, he is also one of our top students – and he's a great teammate. He is a wonderful example of what it means to be a Mary Washington student-athlete. He represents both our team and the entire department with aplomb."

When Anderson started back to swimming, he scrutinized how he had trained, his stroke, and his performance, and found new ways to better old race times. He fell in love with chemistry for the challenge, too, he said. When he got a low score on his first quiz, he used the same skills he uses in the pool.

"I look at what I've done and how I can do better. I change it. Since [that quiz], I've tried 10 different types of study skills," he said. "The biggest tool for success is to be willing to try new things and be able to change. You have to look back at what you've done to do that. Otherwise you might change for the worse."

To learn more about the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, March 20-23 in Shenandoah, Texas, check out www.ncaa.com/championships/swimming-men/d3 or umweagles.com/sports/swimdiv/index.



From campus cool to D.C. hot

| By Edie Gross

| Photos by Dayna Smith

Chef-owner Erik Bruner-Yang '07 works the kitchen at Toki Underground, his tiny noodle shop in Washington, D.C. His mix of pop sensibilities, traditional Taiwanese recipes, and sound business practices make Bruner-Yang a sought-after chef and successful restaurateur. Diners at right line the wall and stairs as they wait for seats.



Reinventing Ramen





It's five hours before Toki Underground opens its doors to customers, but the cubbyhole of a restaurant perched above a bar along H Street in Washington, D.C., is already busy.

Inside the impossibly small kitchen, owner and chef **Erik Bruner-Yang '07** and a colleague dump buckets of pork marrow bones into cavernous metal pots and set them to simmering on the stovetop.

Behind them, a third member of the team chops fresh vegetables that will season steaming bowls of ramen later that evening. A few feet away, a fourth sorts curly strands of noodles into uniform piles.

The restaurant's bar is papered with invoices as deliverymen come and go, dropping off beverages, crates of plastic carryout containers, and bunches of fresh ginger, garlic, and mustard greens.

The deliveries come daily to 1234 H St. NE for two reasons. First, Bruner-Yang will use only the freshest ingredients when whipping up dishes like mom used to make.

Second, at 675 square feet, the tiny Toki Underground – *Washington Post* food critic Tom Sietsema referred to the space as a “shoebox” – lacks a walk-in freezer and much else in the way of storage space.

“We pretty much start from scratch every day,” said Bruner-Yang, fueling himself with a Diet Coke during a brief break. “We just make it all over.”

It's an exhausting process. Bruner-Yang is 28, but he jokes that his knees are 40.

Still, it's a recipe for success. Since the place opened in April 2011, diners have regularly waited two hours or more to snag one of the restaurant's 30 coveted bar stools. And afterward they're still happy enough to post effusive comments on Toki Underground's Facebook page.

“My friends and I once showed up on a super busy night and were 30th on the waiting list . . . and we waited anyway!” gushed one customer. “It is THAT GOOD, people!”

“Go here. Now. Seriously,” insisted another.

A different fan wrote, “Thank you for existing.”

Readers and the editorial team at *Eater DC* voted Toki Underground its 2012 Restaurant of the Year. The *Post's* Sietsema declared it “the best ramen in the city,” and a recent *New York Times* travel piece urged D.C. visitors to swing by the restaurant.

On top of that, Toki Underground is where the chefs eat. The really famous ones. Like legendary Peruvian chef Gastón Acurio, Spaniard Ferran Adrià – who’s been called “the world’s greatest chef” more than once – and D.C.-based José Andrés of minibar, Zaytinya, and Jaleo fame.

And it didn’t hurt when actor Neil Patrick Harris, in the capital in early December for the national Christmas tree lighting, tweeted to his more than 5 million followers about his visit to Toki Underground.

“Sake, dumplings, tofu, and utterly delicious ramen. A must go,” he announced, posting a photo of his mouth-watering meal for good measure.

That prompted one D.C. foodie to respond: “Let’s all thank @ActuallyNPH for making the acceptable 4hr weekend wait @TokiUnderground now a somewhat acceptable 6hr wait.”

Bruner-Yang shrugs off the celebrity encounters.

“NPH is only going to come once. People like you are more important because they’re more likely to come back,” he told a visitor. “Every day’s a chance to get another regular.”



Before he was a chef, Bruner-Yang was lead guitarist for Pash, a band born at Mary Washington in 2002. Pash played its farewell gig at D.C.’s The Black Cat in 2010. Here Bruner-Yang is shown with members, left to right, Ryan McLaughlin, Merideth Munoz, and Joe Ostrosky.

WHAT WENT IN THE BROTH

Running one of D.C.’s hottest new restaurants wasn’t part of Bruner-Yang’s original career plan.

A native of Taipei, Taiwan – where much of his mother’s family still lives – he was a Navy brat who lived for a time in California and Japan before settling in Northern Virginia during the fifth grade.

As a senior at Woodbridge High School, he’d visited the Mary Washington campus and liked the vibe, so he applied for admission as an early decision candidate.

“It was the only college I applied to,” said Bruner-Yang, who ended up rooming with childhood pal **Jon Bibb ’06** in Jefferson Hall.

Bruner-Yang had played in a band in high school, and he figured he’d pursue a career in music. Once on campus, he and Bibb met **Merideth Munoz ’05**. They formed the popular indie pop/rock band Pash, with Bruner-Yang on guitar, Bibb on drums, Munoz behind the mic, and first **Ryan Little ’07** and later Ryan McLaughlin on bass.

Their energetic live shows garnered a loyal following first from Mary Washington and then from Fredericksburg and beyond. The band managed to tour and cut several albums before members – by then, Joe Ostrosky was playing drums – went their separate ways in 2010.

Washington City Paper’s Aaron Leitko alerted readers to the final show, which was at D.C.’s Black Cat, and

mourned Pash's passing. "Seven-and-a-half years is a pretty long and full life for a band – plenty of time to traipse about the country, play dingy basements, and memorize the Waffle House menu," he wrote. "But it's still hard to say goodbye."

Aside from music, the other constant in Bruner-Yang's life was the food-service industry. He'd waited tables throughout high school. In fact, he showed up at the registrar's office as a freshman with a backpack full of cash – \$4,500 in ones, fives, and tens – planning to pay for his first semester with the tips he'd earned. Clerks asked him to return with a cashier's check.

He financed subsequent semesters with money he earned at a series of jobs at downtown Fredericksburg restaurants: Hyperion Espresso, Sammy T's, J. Brians Tap Room, Claiborne's, and Merriman's Restaurant and Bar. He did everything from washing dishes to preparing food. And what he didn't spend on tuition, he often plunked down on music at Fredericksburg's Blue Dog Records and Tapes.

On campus, Bruner-Yang rotated through majors, trading music for English, then switching to anthropology, sociology, and finally business administration.

"I floated around all the liberal arts classes and picked the one class I got an A in," he said, laughing.

Business Professor Leigh Frackelton remembered him as a student who somehow balanced work and musical gigs with business law and accounting classes.

"He was a cool kid, and I knew he had to work during school because he'd come in exhausted to class," Frackelton said. But, he added, Bruner-Yang never let his exhaustion get in the way of his inquisitive nature.

He asked lots of questions about going into business for himself, Frackelton said. And if Bruner-Yang didn't get answers in class, he'd swing by Frackelton's office to inquire further about music copyrights or how best to set up a corporate entity.

UMW Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker knew Bruner-Yang from Pash and through a sociology class. He remembers him as engaged and creative – and interested in forging his own path.

"He was bright. He was inquisitive. He was a doer.

He was always out there just trying to make it happen," Rucker said. "He was picking up skills, learning to be innovative and blending it all together for his life. That's the virtue of a liberal arts education. It allows for that experimentation. You find that thing that gives your life meaning."

MAKING PLANS

With his bachelor's degree in hand, Bruner-Yang moved to D.C., where he worked as the general manager of Sticky Rice, opening the restaurant's H Street location only doors from where his Toki Underground stands today.

He also tended bar and partnered in a pop-up style operation; he and several friends ran a temporary taco stand out of an H Street ice cream shop that had closed for the winter. The place had no indoor seating, but that didn't keep the crowds away.

"People stood outside in the snow to get their tacos," Bruner-Yang recalled.

By then, he'd been mulling over going into business for himself for years.

"I always liked working in restaurants," he said, "and I thought, 'If I'm going to work this hard, I should be my own boss.'"

At first, he thought he might like to open a dumpling shop and bar, so he went ahead and leased the tiny former hair salon along H Street that is now Toki Underground. He feared that if he waited until his entire business plan came together, someone else would snag the spot. He started saving his money, making pitches to potential investors, and running through the list of do's and don'ts he'd learned working in other people's restaurants.

"Every mistake I could've possibly learned, I learned on someone else's dollar," he said. "The rest was, 'How do we not make those mistakes?'"

In 2009, Bruner-Yang traveled back to Taiwan for a month to be with his grandfather, who was ill. An uncle, knowing his nephew needed a diversion outside the house, secured him a job at a nearby ramen shop. There, Bruner-Yang absorbed lessons about how to run a business and how to create a top-notch product.

"I learned a lot through watching," he said. "When I came back, that's when I said, 'It's going to be a ramen



Bruner-Yang sits in front of jars of dried herbs and mushrooms as he meets with staff and savors the calm before the restaurant's 5 p.m. opening. Even on weeknights, there's a rush for Toki Underground's freshly made noodles in slow-cooked broth.

shop.' Still, we didn't really know what we were doing. I knew how to make soup for like eight people. We were doing 100 or more a day."

A considerable amount of buzz preceded Toki Underground's April 1, 2011, opening. While many associated ramen with the cheap packages of dried noodles they'd consumed in a college dorm, Bruner-Yang's menu boasted five rich broths adorned with a mouth-watering assortment of fresh ingredients: red pickled ginger, braised pork belly, shiitake mushrooms, scallions, sesame, seaweed, and homemade kimchee.

In addition, inspired by the meals made by his mother and grandparents, Bruner-Yang offered plates of pork, beef, seafood, chicken, and vegetarian dumplings – six for \$5. With bowls of homemade soup running \$11 or \$12, Toki Underground's prices are more than reasonable by D.C. standards.

The menu, which includes warm cookies and cold

milk for dessert, has remained relatively simple.

"Most restaurants fail," Bruner-Yang said, "so we don't want to mess with the formula too much."

COMFORT FOOD IN A COMFORTABLE SPACE

His customers – and restaurant reviewers – don't seem to mind.

In a September piece for *The Village Voice*, reviewer Robert Sietsema – a distant relative of *The Washington Post*'s Tom Sietsema – praised the Taiwanese comfort food and the "pleasantly cramped space that makes you feel instantly at home."

Bon Appétit magazine declared Toki's ramen "world-class." "The bowls of noodles are accomplished, fully realized cooking, which is why you'll see chefs from other restaurants here after hours."

Bibb, Bruner-Yang's former roommate and the original



Clockwise from top: Skateboard decks re-purposed as stair rails; Bruner-Yang plates hot ramen that is made daily by a Chinese family in Virginia; beverage director Colin Sugalski prepares as others gather for the pre-opening staff meeting; Bruner-Yang slices freshly cooked pork; Toki Underground's simple, elegant menu.



Bruner-Yang worked restaurant jobs to earn his way through UMW. He showed up freshman year with a backpack full of tips – ones, fives, and tens – to make his first tuition payment.

drummer for Pash, dropped by Toki Underground for a meal before leaving for Peru to serve in the Peace Corps. The long lines and fantastic food didn't surprise him.

"Erik has always been someone who just naturally knows what is cool or hip and also someone who loves to entertain people. [When we were in Pash together,] he loved performing and putting on a show. And I think people really enjoyed watching him. I have to believe that some of that is what makes his restaurant successful," Bibb emailed from Peru. "He likes to entertain people and he knows how to. He's just a hardworking guy with a passion for entertainment and a natural talent for creating pleasing products, be it music or food!"

Mary Washington graduate **Megan Parry '05** enjoyed a meal at Toki just before the holidays with her business partner, Alicia Austin Morgan, and their husbands.

"We thought it was awesome. It was cool to be there on a cold winter night and share a big warm bowl of noodles," Parry said. "It's a fun place to be."

The restaurant's neighborhood-hangout aesthetic – with its graffiti-covered walls, red paper lanterns, open kitchen, and skateboard-decks-turned-foot-rests – appealed to Parry and Morgan, who own Forage, a downtown Fredericksburg shop that specializes in vintage clothing and accessories. At the urging of a mutual friend, they asked Bruner-Yang if they could bring some of their items to his restaurant for a pop-up show one Sunday, when Toki Underground is normally closed.

"I felt like I was asking a huge favor," Parry said. "But from the moment he emailed me back, 'Let's get it done,' we got it done in one month."

The Dec. 9 event – the first for Forage – was a success. Bruner-Yang, a pop-up veteran himself, said he loved partnering with Mary Washington grads who, like him, are making a living pursuing their passions.

Bruner-Yang hopes to do more collaborative events to promote art, music, and other projects along the H Street corridor, where he lives. The D.C. community has a small-town feel, not unlike Fredericksburg, he said, and networking with others and supporting their efforts is not just a good idea. It's "a moral obligation," he said.

To that end, he often joins forces with other chefs for charity events. The Saturday night before President Obama's Jan. 20 inauguration, Bruner-Yang was one of seven chefs whipping up specialties at the Chefs Ball, which raised money for a number of good causes, including D.C. Central Kitchen, the James Beard Foundation – a nonprofit that promotes the culinary arts – and Common Threads, which teaches children from low-income families how to create affordable, nutritious meals.

Back at Toki Underground, the crowds are steady, with regulars and new diners lining the narrow staircase to the second-floor restaurant six nights a week. Bruner-Yang met his fiancée there when she stopped in for a meal. He employs 22 people to keep up with customer demand, and he provides health insurance for most of them.

"I love coming to work," Bruner-Yang said. "I think it would not be as fun if the crew wasn't as good. But everybody wants to see the place do well."

He and his investors have considered moving to a larger space, but they like the cozy environs – even if working in the minuscule kitchen requires a delicate choreography. Bruner-Yang envisions Toki Underground as a reasonably priced neighborhood hangout, bathed in the comforting scent of homemade broth.

"Every great neighborhood in any part of the world should have a place, a comfort food spot," he said. "In Fredericksburg, you can grab a beer at J. Brian's or a bite at Sammy T's. My ultimate goal in establishing this restaurant is providing for the community that I live in – H Street." 🏠



Halls of History

Preservation professor traces UMW's story through its bricks and columns

| Story by Laura Moyer

Students in the 1930s and '40s found a growing campus still influenced by its orderly, symmetrical origins. The final two wings of Seacobeck Hall, at lower right in this photo, weren't completed until 1951.

The UMW Department of Historic Preservation has a national reputation for scholarship about historic buildings. Now it's turning that scholarly eye on its own backyard.

The UMW campus is a trove of 20th-century architecture and history, but preserving that character can clash with 21st-century needs – as students, faculty, and administrators learned from a 2010 controversy over a plan to put a new student center on the site of Seacobeck Hall.

Students and alumni argued to save Seacobeck, which they saw as one of the most significant buildings on campus. Ultimately, Chandler was chosen as the site because renovations over the years had left little of its original design intact.

The administration's thoughtful response to the "save Seaco" effort led to a request that the historic preservation department produce a comprehensive preservation plan.

The task fell to the new guy, but he wasn't being picked on. **Michael Spencer '03**, an assistant professor of historic preservation who at the time was the department's junior member, was excited to take on the project. As a specialist in building forensics, he found the work professionally interesting; as an alumnus, he found it personally meaningful.

The preservation plan will become part of the UMW Master Plan, and it will inform decisions about razing or renovating existing structures, said Richard R. Pearce, vice president for administration and finance and CFO.

"It is the document we go to before we want to do anything," Pearce said. "In my mind, it is the most important



Michael Spencer became interested in campus history as a UMW undergraduate. Now an assistant professor of historic preservation, Spencer is completing a draft preservation plan that explores the physical history of campus.

aspect of the whole Master Plan. It gives us the parameters we need to operate.”

The preservation plan gives a detailed history of Mary Washington’s buildings and other distinctive features, some predating the existence of a normal school on the site. But its purpose isn’t to freeze the campus in time, or to thwart necessary improvements.

“I think new architecture has a place on campus. I’d even advocate new design,” Spencer said. “I’m not averse to change. I’m averse to change that doesn’t take into consideration context, history, and significance.”

After two years of research, he’s nearing completion of a draft preservation plan that traces the physical history of the campus from almost a hundred years before the 1908 founding of the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School for Women. Though the plan considers all the buildings on campus, its primary focus is to describe buildings at least 50 years old.

Spencer had a lot of help. He built on the work of department colleagues including professors Doug Sanford and Gary Stanton, and he consulted the Mary Washington histories written by William B. Crawley Jr., distinguished professor emeritus of history, and the late Edward Alvey Jr., dean of the college. **Kelsey Conway ’12** and **Audra Medve ’12**, then student interns, each spent a semester engrossed in architectural drawings, administrative papers, correspondence, plats, maps, photographs, and newspapers. And Special Collections Librarian Carolyn Parsons and Associate Vice President for Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth contributed research and institutional knowledge.

Considering old maps and plats was important.

“Our campus didn’t develop in a vacuum. It developed along lines that were already there,” Spencer said. “They had a huge impact on why we see the campus the way we see it.”



An 1867 drawing re-creating Civil War lines is overlain on a modern view of the Mary Washington campus. Physical traces of the war have all but vanished, but a lunette remains on the south end of campus.

A “chaste monument”

The preservation plan’s earliest documentation is an 1816 plat outlining an area that roughly correlates to the footprint of today’s main campus. No buildings from that time survive, but some physical features are recognizable, including roads that later became Hanover and William streets, College Avenue, and Sunken Road.

An 1867 map shows the Civil War features in the area. One that survives is a lunette, or crescent-shaped gun emplacement, at the south end of campus behind Jefferson Hall. An 1891 plat lays out a development now known as College Heights, including what would become today’s Double Drive and Campus Walk.

In the early 1900s, as Fredericksburg angled to become the site of a state normal school for women, residents used *The Free Lance* newspaper as a forum to debate possible campus

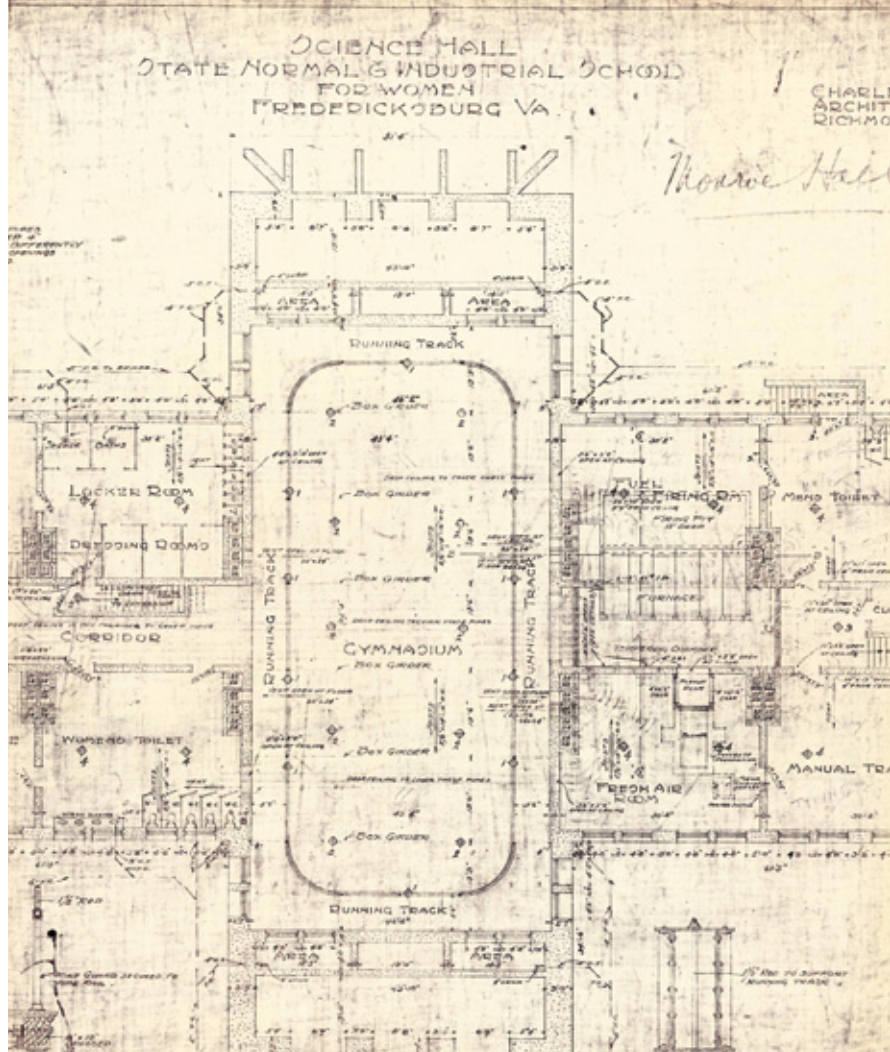


Town residents used *The Free Lance* newspaper to express their views about the location of a proposed normal school for women. This letter-writer envisioned it as “a chaste monument” to Fredericksburg’s Civil War heroes.

sites. Opinion eventually solidified behind Marye’s Heights, an area heavily fought over in the Civil War.

Instead of seeing a normal school campus as an encroachment on sacred battleground, city residents welcomed it as a way to preserve the land from less desirable development. As a letter-writer to *The Free Lance* envisioned it, the school would serve as a “chaste monument” to Fredericksburg’s war heroes.

The idea of the normal school as a war monument is reflected in the choice of the solemn Jefferson Collegiate blend of classic architectural styles for the first buildings. Though the budgets for the academic building and dormitory were modest, architects insisted on high-quality materials such as Indiana limestone and pressed brick, intending to create buildings that would last.



Three architects, three aesthetics. These residence hall entrances were designed by (top to bottom) Charles M. Robinson, J. Binford Walford, and O. Pendleton Wright.

The normal school began with just two buildings, Willard Hall and an academic building designed as a science hall – now Monroe Hall.

Campus architects

Three architects shared early design responsibilities, but one, master architect Charles M. Robinson, became the defining architect of the Fredericksburg campus's founding years. Robinson, the Virginia-born son of a Confederate veteran, was responsible for the siting, orientation, and design of buildings from the founding until his death in 1932.

The campus's earliest buildings, Willard, Monroe, and Virginia halls, reflected the general ideal of the time that solemn, symmetrical design would promote a well-disciplined student body. Facing the three buildings inward on a central lawn would, it was hoped, create an intimate setting and discourage tardiness.

Robinson's stately design is reflected also in Seacobeck, his last building on campus. But Seacobeck also bears some of the dramatic flair of Robinson's partner, J. Binford Walford,

who would succeed him as campus architect.

Where Robinson was subtle, Walford was anything but. He liked grand statements, such as the massive limestone columns on the buildings that form Ball Circle. Mary Ball Hall, a 1935 Walford building, is still possibly the most architecturally stylish residence hall on campus, with its three-story dome room, circular staircase, and amber skylight.

In 1949, Walford formed a partnership with architect O. Pendleton Wright. Just as Walford had influenced Robinson toward more dramatic design, Wright influenced Walford toward restraint. Wright was practical, possibly reflecting a cultural shift toward more cost-effective public buildings. His solid, functional approach is evident in Bushnell and Combs halls, built in the 1950s, Marshall Hall, completed in 1961, and Jefferson Hall, constructed in 1967.



Lynda Richardson

Ball Circle is a favorite gathering spot for Frisbee, soccer, studying, and naps in the sun.

Expanding campus

As the institution evolved from normal school to liberal arts college, the campus boomed. Throughout the Great Depression, construction funded with grants and loans from the Public Works Administration boosted the local economy. PWA buildings on campus include Ball, Custis, Madison, and Westmoreland halls; the final section of Virginia Hall; George Washington Hall; and the changing house for the former spring-fed outdoor pool. The changing house now is a campus security building by the parking lot below Simpson Library.

As the campus expanded, the college bought several private homes in its path. Many still serve as residences or administrative buildings, and they, too, are included in the preservation plan.

Spencer has finished all the structure histories to be included in the plan. But some of the toughest work is still to be done – including assigning each property a grade of

1 to 4, with a Grade 1 property being the most historically significant and a Grade 4 the least. Grading will consider how well a property conveys integrity of design, setting, location, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Spencer won't do that job alone. Instead, a committee will make those determinations, and that means compromise. Everyone involved will know that the grade designations are a way to prioritize historic resources. A Grade 1 designation would make a building subject to greater scrutiny before a major change is considered, while a Grade 3 or 4 would get a lesser review.

The committee approach means no one person's emotional connection to a building would trump an objective consideration of a building's merits. And that's where the preservation plan will be invaluable.

The point of all that research, Spencer said, "is to try to take the emotional bias out of it and present the facts so that others can make informed decisions." 🏠



Norm Shafer

Changing Fortunes

From almshouse to student residence

They called it Mount Nebo. The lovely hill overlooking Fredericksburg provided a clear view of the town, just as did the biblical peak from which Moses glimpsed the Promised Land.

But the name also evoked a longing for the unattainable – as the residents of the Fredericksburg incarnation of Mount Nebo in the late 1800s and early 1900s must have felt keenly.

It was on Fredericksburg’s Mount Nebo that the almshouse stood, providing a haven for the destitute but also setting them apart from the bustling town.

According to research by Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation Michael Spencer, the house on the hill was built in 1877 as the “handsome frame residence” of Frank Beckwith. But a case of smallpox in 1882 so frightened Fredericksburg residents that they bought the Beckwith home, for \$1,700, as an infirmary.

As it happened, the town was spared a further smallpox outbreak. Soon the home was enlarged and turned into an almshouse, where the poor could exist on charity, out of sight.

In 1908, town residents began to envision a different purpose for their Mount Nebo, as the site of a new normal school for women. The first campus buildings, Willard, Monroe, and Virginia halls, were constructed just to the north of the almshouse. And by 1911, the campus expanded to take in the Mount Nebo property itself. Fredericksburg sold the home and 6.9 acres to the school for \$4,850.

The home was moved slightly downhill and to the north. It was used as the dean’s house until the mid-1930s, when it was moved again to its current site, on College Avenue across from Seacobeck Hall. It stands today as a private home similar to its original appearance.

The site once known as Mount Nebo is now a grassy area between Randolph and Mason residence halls.



The grassy area between Randolph and Mason residence halls (top photo) was the site of Fredericksburg’s 19th-century almshouse. The almshouse was moved twice and now is a private residence across College Avenue from Seacobeck Hall.

Besides thorough descriptions of each building's architecture and construction history, the preservation plan contains many humanizing details. They remind us that a building's value isn't merely in its physical qualities, but in the experiences of those who built it, worked there, and lived there.

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The **amphitheater** was built on the cheap in 1913, designed by faculty and students. Its construction materials were so poor a renovation was necessary by 1920. The renovated amphitheater was used beginning in the 1920s for plays, Devil-Goat Day, and commencements.



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The **Sunken Road gates** weren't built until 1935-36, but as early as 1919, President A.B. Chandler had publicly wished for a closable gate to control traffic. As Chandler had observed in a State Normal School Board meeting three years earlier, he was concerned about "promiscuous automobile riding by students."



The original entrance to campus was on Sunken Road, which was notoriously muddy. A 1925 student account described it as “the muddiest place in the Old Dominion. In a distance of a hundred yards, there are five creeks, three hundred and seventy-nine mud holes, one hairpin curve emphasized by a precipice, and a barb wire fence.”



3



Mary Ball Hall was designed in the early 1930s by J. Binford Walford and built with a grant and a loan from the Public Works Administration. Despite its Depression-era origins, the residence hall was far from austere. It featured a three-story dome room with a circular staircase, parlors with marble mantels and glass chandeliers, and a kitchenette and telephone room on every floor.



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In **Trinkle's** early days as a library, its browsing room was nicknamed the drowsing room because of its comfortable atmosphere, fireplace, and walnut-paneled walls.

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Jefferson Square, the lawn formed by Bushnell, Jefferson, and Combs halls, was the former city reservoir. The property was acquired from Fredericksburg in 1956, and the reservoir wasn't filled until after students started living in the two dorms.



Kimie Barkley '14

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Willard Hall was built before electric lighting could be entirely relied on, and gas lighting was considered too dangerous for a dormitory. So architect Charles Robinson sited the building on a north-south axis to ensure that each room received natural light at some point every day.

The campus's first heating plant was in the basement of **Willard**. Professor G.M. Harrison served as superintendent of the plant when he wasn't teaching math.

As the University of Mary Washington changes to meet modern needs, the past won't be forgotten. Thanks to a preservation plan that details the physical development of campus, decisions about new construction will be made with understanding of and respect for the institution's history.



Jack Bales

By Lisa Chinn '92

Jack Bales treats his library-research classes like musicians treat rock concerts. He tries to be “enthusiastic” and “energetic” and “on.”

“I tell myself that no matter how I’m feeling, I have to be the Mick Jagger of the library world,” said Bales, UMW reference and humanities librarian.

When he isn’t onstage in the classroom, he’s helping students find the best ways to investigate research topics – from Alzheimer’s to Zimbabwe. In more than three decades at the Simpson Library reference desk, he’s heard them all.

“Students come by the reference librarians’ offices and email us,” Bales said. “That’s the best part of my job, helping students locate research information for their classes and papers.”

Growing up in Aurora, Ill., the eldest of nine, Bales was enchanted by books. In grade school, he once was too busy reading to notice his classmates had gone out to recess.

By fifth grade, he’d started two things – a paper route and a savings account. He paid his way through school, earning a bachelor’s degree in English from Illinois College and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

He was back working at Illinois College when he applied for a reference librarian position at Mary Washington. Before the interview ended, he’d landed the job, but he wasn’t sure how he felt about Fredericksburg. He accepted the offer but expected his stay to be short.

That was 1980.

“I didn’t think I’d been here that long until last year, when a former student brought her freshman daughter to meet me,” said Bales, whose first-floor library office is a collage of grammatical wit, baseball mementos, and photos of grown children Patrick and Laura.

As card catalogs gave way to computers, Bales brought students along, teaching them how to search databases and use electronic resources. He also helps build the library collection, collaborates with library colleagues and faculty, and serves on library committees and the *University of Mary Washington Magazine* editorial board.

For his commitment to UMW, he received the 2010 inaugural Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley Presidential Commendation, which he calls the pinnacle of his career.

Outside UMW, Bales, 61, has penned five books on famous literary figures and has one in the works on his beloved Chicago Cubs. He’s done professional editing and written for magazines, journals, encyclopedias, and newspapers.



He prefers to tackle unexplored topics and research primary sources, so he travels the country to conduct interviews, plow through newspapers, and mull over microfilm. Preparations for his book on Mississippi writer Willie Morris were so exhaustive that the publisher insisted on including the word in the title – *Willie Morris: An Exhaustive Annotated Bibliography and a Biography*.

Bales pours the same kind of effort into helping students. When they clamor for his attention like fans at a concert, he sometimes has to walk away and take a deep breath. But he wouldn’t have it any other way.

What do you love most about UMW? *I’ve always worked with wonderful colleagues. They’re one of the reasons, after more than three decades here in the library, I still look forward to coming to work every day. And it’s great working with the students and passing on to them what I’ve learned.*

What would you change about UMW? *I’ve been extremely fortunate over the years to have been allowed to travel and research in libraries all over the country. I love the idea that students can have their research projects funded, and I hope UMW can support even more of their projects.*

How would you describe yourself? *I’m definitely an early-morning person. I can easily hit the ground running by 4:30 a.m. I’m also a glass-is-half-full kind of guy.*

What motivates you? *My colleagues; I value their expertise. Also, helping students become skilled at using library resources. Last semester I received an email from a former student who wrote, “I’m now a teacher, and I’m helping my students research the way you taught me.”*

What matters most to you? *My children. I try to be a good role model. (“Yes, you DO have to write thank-you notes for your birthday presents.”)*

What are you afraid of? *Not being able to come up with the right answer for a student. Also poor health. [I’ve come to] realize that exercise and living and eating right can’t keep you out of the hospital.*

What keeps you awake at night? *Family things here and there, including a few health issues.*

What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you? *I have an identical twin brother. In college once I couldn’t make a date so he went in my place, posing as me. 🏠*



Poet Earns NEA Fellowship

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded **Allison Seay '02** a 2013 Literature Fellowship in poetry. The \$25,000 NEA grant will allow her to work on a second collection. Her first book of poetry, *To See the Queen*, is scheduled for publication this spring.

Seay, who received the UMW 2012 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, was acting UMW Arrington Poet-in-Residence last spring and taught advanced poetry and creative writing. She was awarded the 2012 Lexi Rudnitsky First Book Prize in Poetry, the 2011 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, and two fellowships from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

The Virginia native is contributing editor for *The Hollins Critic*. She has been a visiting professor at Lynchburg College, assistant director of the MFA Writing Program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and associate editor of *The Greensboro Review*. She received a master of fine arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a bachelor's degree in English from Mary Washington.



Allison Seay '02



Christopher Kilmartin

Professor to Take Air Force Academy Post

Professor of Psychology Christopher Kilmartin has been chosen to serve a one-year post as distinguished visiting professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Beginning in July, Kilmartin will teach courses on violence prevention and gender studies in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. He also will consult with Air Force Academy sexual assault prevention personnel to help improve school programming.

Kilmartin, a licensed clinical psychologist, is an internationally recognized expert on gender and on violence prevention. He held a three-year consultation with the U.S. Naval Academy on a revision of sexual assault and harassment prevention curriculum and worked with the Army on similar topics. The author of books including *The Masculine Self* and *The Pain Behind the Mask: Overcoming Masculine Depression*, Kilmartin holds a doctorate in counseling psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Alumna Honored for Work With Brain Injuries



Patricia Goodall '74

Patricia Goodall '74 received the Corbett Reedy Award for Excellence from the Virginia Rehabilitation Association in October. She manages the Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit at the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

During her 30 years in the field of disability and brain injury services, Goodall has advocated for innovative and quality outreach programs, developed educational and training materials, and presented and published extensively in the areas of brain injury, supported employment, case management, substance abuse, and vocational rehabilitation. Goodall has been project director for Virginia's U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration Traumatic Brain Injury Act grants since 1998.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Mary Washington, Goodall earned a master's of education in counseling from U.Va. and an educational specialist degree – a terminal degree in her field – from the College of William and Mary.

Professor a "Super CPA"



R. Leigh Frackelton

For the second time in three years, R. Leigh Frackelton, UMW College of Business professor, was recognized as a "Super CPA" educator by his peers in Virginia. Each year, *Virginia Business Magazine* and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants recognize the state's top CPAs for important contributions to the profession and the Commonwealth. All Virginia CPAs receive electronic ballots on which they identify the peers they deem to be the best in select areas of

their profession. Frackelton, an attorney and certified public accountant, was one of nine educators selected.

Frackelton's areas of expertise include federal income tax, accounting, and business law. He holds a J.D. from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. He is a member of the Virginia Society of CPAs and the Virginia State Bar.

Entrepreneur Honored for Startup



Christine Goodwin '96 wanted every child's school to be up-to-date, so she started WishStars, an online social fundraising and sourcing platform that connects classrooms with donors. For her efforts, the Virginia-based Center for Innovative Technology named her among its top 50 entrepreneurs.

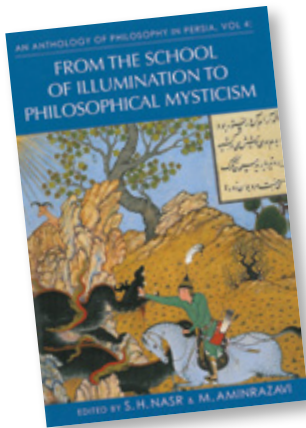
The startup company's mission, as stated on its website, is simple: *To connect educators, families, and donors, simplify the process for fulfilling needs, and transform every K-12 classroom into an incubator for big ideas.*

Goodwin, a mother of two and a full-time system and software engineer, was inundated with school fundraisers and classroom requests for donations. She knew other parents must also be overwhelmed with selling overpriced cookie dough or remembering to pick up glue sticks for the classroom. She wanted a better way for schools, parents, and communities to connect and support one another.

Inspired by existing social networking platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Kickstarter, Goodwin and a co-worker created WishStars. Goodwin would like for WishStars to become a powerful online community focused on meeting common goals and making a difference in children's futures.

The CEO of WishStars, she is on the board of directors of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce's Innovation and Technology Council, also known as FredTech. Goodwin told *The Free Lance-Star* she hopes WishStars will someday employ many of the skilled software engineers in the Fredericksburg area who now commute to Northern Virginia.

Books by Faculty

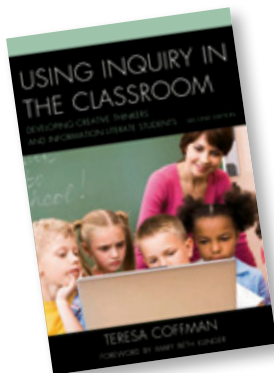


An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia, Vol. IV: From the School of Illumination to Philosophical Mysticism

Co-edited by Mehdi Aminrazavi, UMW professor of philosophy and religion, and Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University professor of Islamic studies

The period between the 13th and 16th centuries was one of the richest philosophical eras in Persian history, yet comparatively little is known about this time, between the fall of the school of Khurasan and the rise of the Safavids, who established control over all of Greater Iran. This fourth-volume text examines this period of Persian philosophy, dealing mainly with the Peripatetic school, Suhrawardi and the School of Illumination, and assorted incarnations of philosophical Sufism.

I.B. Tauris in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, January 2013

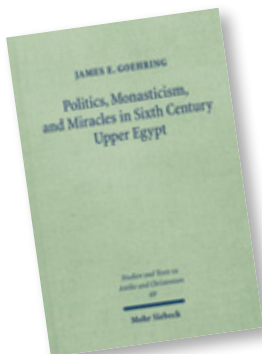


Using Inquiry in the Classroom: Developing Creative Thinkers and Information Literate Students

By Teresa Coffman, UMW associate professor of education

The book provides an overview of inquiry learning and the importance of developing creative thinkers and information-literate students. The text explores how learning can be directly applied in a classroom setting using real-world application through technology-oriented activities.

Rowman & Littlefield, January 2013

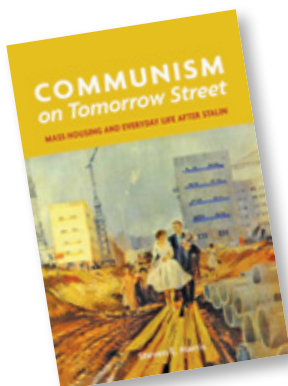


Politics, Monasticism, and Miracles in Sixth Century Upper Egypt: A Critical Edition and Translation of the Coptic Texts on Abraham of Farshut

By James E. Goehring, UMW professor of classics, philosophy, and religion

This volume contains a critical edition and translation of the Coptic texts on Abraham of Farshut, the last Coptic orthodox archimandrite of the Pachomian federation in Upper Egypt. While past studies have focused on the origins and early years of this first communal monastic movement, Goehring turns to its final days and ultimate demise in the sixth-century reign of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I. Goehring examines the literary nature of the texts, their role in the making of a saint, and the historical events that they reveal.

Mohr Siebeck, December 2012

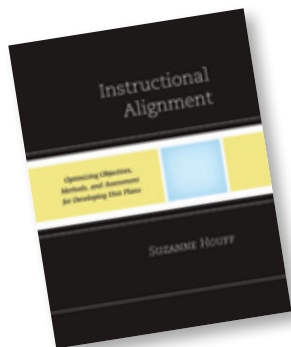


Communism on Tomorrow Street: Mass Housing and Everyday Life After Stalin

By Steven E. Harris, UMW associate professor of history and American studies

During the post-Stalin-era thaw, beginning in 1953, Nikita Khrushchev launched a mass housing campaign, sending a generation of Soviet citizens from crowded communal living to single-family apartments. In what has been called the first full exploration of this phenomenon's role in creating "the communist way of life," Harris dispels the conventional idea that this campaign was centered around the elite. The author exhaustively examines the movement, the way it was politicized, and the activities of its major players, from politicians and planners to ordinary urbanites.

Woodrow Wilson Center Press/Johns Hopkins University Press, February 2013

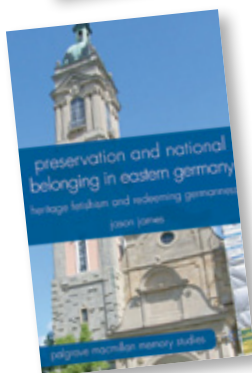


Instructional Alignment: Optimizing Objectives, Methods, and Assessment for Developing Unit Pairs

By Suzanne G. Houff, UMW professor of education

In response to the plethora of curriculum textbooks, Houff offers a concise and basic approach to instructional design. By exploring the areas of planning, assessment, and methodology, in *Instructional Alignment* she explains how these three areas provide an essential framework for effective teaching and illustrates how they align in order to maximize student learning.

Rowman and Littlefield Education, September 2012



Preservation and National Belonging in Eastern Germany: Heritage Fetishism and Redeeming Germanness

By Jason James, UMW associate professor of anthropology

This book explores the ways in which ordinary German citizens grapple with a difficult past through heritage. It sheds new light on the everyday politics of heritage and memory by highlighting the dynamics of longing, fantasy, fetishism, and local performance.

Palgrave Macmillan, October 2012

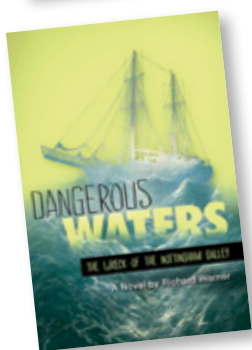


Interaction: Langue et Culture

By Scott Powers, UMW associate professor of French; Ronald St. Onge, College of William and Mary professor emeritus of French; and Susan St. Onge, Christopher Newport University distinguished professor of French

The ninth edition of *Interaction* is an intermediate-level textbook of French language and Francophone cultures that combines a complete grammar text and a literary and cultural reader. *Interaction* is used in university classrooms around the world.

Heinle, January 2013



Dangerous Waters: The Wreck of the Nottingham Galley

By Richard Warner, UMW professor emeritus of history

This work of historical fiction, published electronically a year after the death of its author, weaves together the story of Capt. John Deane and the events surrounding the notorious 1710 wreck of the *Nottingham Galley*. The cause of the shipwreck has long eluded historians. Warner, an expert on maritime history, researched Deane for many years, scouring records, narratives, and other sources, before penning this account of the mysterious incident off Boon Island, Maine. The result is a fictional tale that wraps romance, humor, and suspense around an array of characters.

BookBaby, July 2012

Get the Picture?

Last issue's image of Gloria Steinem on a 1972 McGovern-for-president campaign stop in Fredericksburg prompted memories from several readers. Tom Elliott of Charlottesville, Va., recognized **Barbara Hanger '76** (center) from their days as students together at Waynesboro High School. As the father of UMW art major **Cheryl Elliott '13**, Tom Elliott receives *UMW Magazine*.

Hanger, an associate professor of art education at the University of Louisville, emailed Elliott that she remembered the rally. "I also remember that I was wearing a new poncho that my mother knitted and had just mailed to me."

Ann Chryssikos McBroom '76 identified classmate **Linda Spagnolo Mitchell '76** (in glasses and red-and-black jacket). In return, Mitchell commented, "I will always remember that fall as exciting and a wonderful way to kick off a college career."

She worked for Gov. George McGovern's presidential campaign in Fredericksburg, still has a campaign button from the rally, and has a page of McGovern memorabilia in her freshman scrapbook. Just "barely" 18 and looking forward to voting for the first time in the 1972 election, Mitchell was taken by Steinem's grace and message of the importance of grass-roots involvement. "That day was one of many exciting ones in the fall of 1972 at MWC," she wrote.

Carolyn Roberts '76 also identified Mitchell. Roberts attended the rally her freshman year at Mary Washington with her "friends on Virginia third back," she wrote. The college provided a bus to the rally in the parking lot of the Sheraton Hotel, now part of Central Park. "It was 1972 and our first semester of college," Roberts wrote. "'Ms. Steinem' contributed to our sense of empowerment as women and being on our own."

Katherine R. "Jill" Hadden '74 remembers the year Mary Washington College dropped "of the University of Virginia" from its name and Gloria Steinem came to town. Hadden was a campus coordinator for the McGovern campaign and was most impressed with Terry McGovern, the candidate's daughter. "She smiled and seemed to fit right in with the women [at the rally] from Mary Washington, talking about her father's campaign issues," Hadden said. When Terry McGovern died unexpectedly in 1994, "I wrote her father a note expressing my condolences and giving him my impressions of her brief stop in Fredericksburg." George McGovern passed away last October.

Hadden stayed active in politics, "but the McGovern campaign still holds a special place in my Mary Washington memories," she wrote. "I still have a couple of campaign buttons squirreled away somewhere. It was fun."

Thanks to all who wrote about the photo, and special thanks to Professor Emeritus of English Daniel Dervin, who shot the image, added it to the University archive, and allowed *UMW Magazine* to publish it.



Daniel Dervin

Give It Your Best Shot!

We know very little about this photo from the Mary Washington archives. It was produced from a negative on which someone had written in pencil, "Cavalry Club." The image holds no other information – not even the year it was taken.

If you know who the rider is or have any other information about the photo, please send an email with Get the Picture in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu, or comment online at magazine.umw.edu.

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Geoff Greene '04

To my fellow alums:

As Alumni Association president, I'm privileged to represent more than 35,000 Mary Washington graduates worldwide. Regional alumni networks are becoming re-invigorated. I encourage you to get involved. Check the Alumni page at alumni.umw.edu for events in your area.

Mary Washington students are actively engaged in high caliber academics and more than 100 clubs and 20 NCAA teams. Student service groups are busy with activities such as Alternative Spring Break, Good Neighbor Day, and Relay for Life.

Campus is as beautiful as ever. Newly renovated Mason and Randolph halls have state-of-the-art capabilities. A pedestrian bridge over U.S. 1 connects the main campus to Eagle Village, with student apartments, student-friendly businesses, and the Hyatt Place hotel, slated to open this fall. The Convergence Center, a high-tech hub of academic resources, is under construction. We'll break ground in May for the Campus Center, with student activity areas, dining services, and a ballroom. Happily, the new structures' Georgian-style exteriors maintain the traditional Mary Washington look.

Reunion Weekend is May 31-June 2! Alumni with graduation years ending in 3 or 8 should receive brochures, but all alumni are welcome. To register online, visit the Alumni page and follow Reunion Weekend links. I promise fun for all, with class parties Friday evening, Alumni College sessions led by master teachers, campus tours, children's games, a Ball Circle Class Picnic, and an All Class Party Saturday night. So, contact classmates and join us! I hope to see you there.

Patti Boise Kemp '69
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1. Recent grads (left to right) **Matt Thompson '10**, **Amelia Toms '11**, and **Harrison Roberts '10**, along with Sallie Rowe Roberts and daughter **Anne Roberts '10**, reconnected at a Fredericksburg Network Holiday Happy Hour at the Blue and Gray Brewpub in December.
2. Basketball fans (left to right) **Chad Chadbourn '06**, **Trevor Daubenspeck '08**, **Daniel Kauffman '10**, **Erin Burke '11**, and **Emily Webber '11** cheer on the Eagles at October's Peninsula Alumni Network Basketball Tailgate and Game in Williamsburg.
3. Food and fun were on the menu for the January Alumni Happy Hour at the Blue Mesa Grill in Dallas. In attendance were (left, front to back) **Teresa Rosenfield '94** and husband Lance, **Diane Ruede '64**, **Tinet Crowell '69**, Dean of the College of Business Lynne Richardson, **Sally Sullivan '58** and husband Travis, (and right, front to back) **Isabel Cardwell '03**, **James Miller '84**, **Tonya Turner '92**, Associate Director of Athletics Dana Hall, Director of Athletics Ken Tyler, and **Russell Berry '85**.
4. Alumni, including (left to right) **Cynthia Williamson '79**, **Stephen Gregg '08**, **Donna Webber '08**, and **Courtney Hall Harjung '92**, got the scoop on the latest UMW happenings at the November Conversations with President Hurley event at Atlanta's Brookhaven Country Club.
5. **Sherry Loehr '13** celebrates her new Mary Washington degree at the December Graduate Reception in the Link, between Randolph and Mason halls. The event recognizes students who complete degree requirements in the fall.

Register now for Reunion Weekend, May 31 to June 2!
alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend

Class Notes

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Anna Roberts Ware had 11 inches of rain from Hurricane Sandy, slowing the soybean harvest, but her daughter and husband were with her during the worst of it. She went to bed dressed when she heard Sandy was headed for Dover, Del., but heard it slammed into New Jersey, instead. Anna lunched with old and new friends, including a Girl Scout who rode the bus with her to the '39 World's Fair!

Elizabeth Cumby Murray was to celebrate Thanksgiving with 10 people at daughter Trish's home and welcome a great-granddaughter in January. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** expected her first great-granddaughter. Isabel has trouble with her feet but still loves to cook and was making blueberry pie when I called.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey loves living in senior housing

and was expecting a visit from her first great-grandbaby, Juliet, daughter of son Donnie and his wife, who live in England.

I have two great-granddaughters and expected a great-grandson in December. I stay active with exercise class, bridge, church choir, and volunteering. I took a bus trip with my son to see the Rockettes in the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*.

1945

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1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring
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1947

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman
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My youngest son, Mark, and I decided to stay in Christiansburg, Va., and downsize, instead of moving to Florida. Getting rid of things is challenging, and we planned a garage giveaway.

Keep those emails, cards, and letters coming!

1948

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1949

Anna Dulany Lyons
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June Davis McCormick
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During Hurricane Sandy, we feared for the safety of family, friends, and classmates along the Eastern Seaboard.

Mary Elwang Sharpley, whose two granddaughters were to spend Thanksgiving with her, relayed news of the passing of **Barbara Westerman Newlon's** husband, Howard. Born and reared in Virginia,

Howard received his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from U.Va. He had a 33-year career with the Virginia Transportation Research Council and was a lecturer in U.Va.'s schools of engineering and architecture for more than 30 years. The graduate students in his last class painted "Thanks for the schoolin', Professor Newlon" on the Beta Bridge. A few years ago the Newlons moved into the Colonnades in Charlottesville, where residents appreciated Howard's sense of humor and delightful delivery of memorable events. Barbara and Mary attended Cavaliers basketball games, which Howard always enjoyed. In addition to Barbara, Howard is survived by two daughters from a prior marriage and five grandchildren. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Barbara and her family.

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with many Gore children and grandchildren. **Lucille "Tudie" Pope Midyette** said Ashland, Va., got off lightly during Sandy, but the beaches took a beating. On the Eastern Shore, **Judy Stone Johnstone** reported mild effects. From Delaware, **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** sent pictures of huge waves pounding the Rehoboth Beach boardwalk.

Frances "Frannie" Houston Layton of Lewisburg, W.Va., would have a hard time leaving her beloved mountains but, after four days in Kentucky on holiday with her children, grandchildren, and great-grands, wished she lived closer to family.

Betty Bond Heller Nichols of Lexington, Va., concerned for her BFFs in other states, said all was well with **Jane Yeatman Spangler** in North Carolina and **Dorothy "Dottie" Booker Pinkham** in Vermont. The Haddonfield, N.J., home of Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rixon and Fred remained intact, but their two Ocean City, N.C., summer beach cottages became "boats and sailed away." Remembering the tragic loss of **Elizabeth "Betty" Forsyth Somers** and husband Lewis in the aftermath of last year's Hurricane Irene, we consider the Fabulous Forty-Niners truly blessed.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart of Toronto, where Sandy produced torrential rains, canceled plans to attend an evening play. We enjoyed the article and beautiful picture of Conni in the summer issue of *UMW Magazine*, though we think Conni has accomplished much more. Her ongoing performance in diverse roles makes us octogenarians doubly proud. **Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist** enjoyed watching Conni in the 1996 TV movie *Her Desperate Choice*, in which she played the mother of star Faith Ford's character. Conni worked in August on the film *Cas & Dylan* with Richard Dreyfuss, a Civil War buff who's writing a book about battles and was fascinated to learn that Conni went to school in Fredericksburg. Conni had a recent role in *The Listener*, a Canadian TV series that might be shown in the U.S., and was doing voice-overs for animated children's shows. She walks, takes weekly yoga classes, and swims in a saltwater pool in their condo. Conni and Bonar's two sons planned to visit after Christmas to keep them up to speed on technology. Conni calls Skype a godsend for speaking to and seeing children and grandchildren.

Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly and **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** of Lynchburg, Va., lunch monthly. Marion and husband George, who live in Westminster Canterbury, now find distant travels too difficult but continue to spend a week each year in New York, thanks to a convenient train trip to Penn Station and a short walk across the street to the New Yorker, where they feel at home. They drive down to Abingdon/Bristol, which they still think of as their Camelot, and went there in November to celebrate George's 95th, having dinner out with old friends. Marion said **Esther Reece McVeigh** left her independent-living apartment for assisted living after a lengthy illness.

A lifelong Bristol resident and faithful correspondent, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** still plays hostess to her Virginia Interment College daughters and alumnae from the former Sullins College. She's devoted to her church and is an active



historian/archivist. Lucy planned to spend Thanksgiving at her brother's Kingsport, Tenn., home and attend a November wedding.

Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt spent an October week in Alabama with her sister and returned to her Texas home to prepare for the arrival of son Bill Jr. and daughter-in-law Terri for a week at the Schmidt farm over Thanksgiving. They were joined by Kate's niece, Ann Mayo, who is from Hampden Sydney but attends school in Texas. Kate planned to spend Christmas at Bill and Terri's Albuquerque home and, after all that excitement, stay put for the winter with her kitty and bridge friends. She said, "I'm getting too old and tired for all that gallivanting!" Many classmates might share that feeling.

Thanks to those who responded to our plea for news. While news items may be as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, we like the recent reference to gathering them as "like herding cats." As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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1951

Roselyn Bell Morris
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Hello! Have you all forgotten me? I've missed hearing from classmates.

Ruth DeMiller Hill planned to attend granddaughter Rachel Smith's post-Thanksgiving wedding. **Louise Davis Hume** couldn't make our 60th reunion. In the past decade, she's had hips replaced and cataracts removed. She doesn't have heart problems or asthma but gets out of breath due to lung damage.

I still work at Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop and have been taking care of Edgar and my daughter-in-law. They've been in and out of the hospital but are better.

Hope all is well with everyone. Keep in touch. My best to each of you.

1952

Corley Gibson Friesen
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1953

Becky Spitzer Harvill
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Deigh Renn Simpson had "no spectacular info this time," but many of you did. **Betty Roper** made plans with **Barbara White Ramer**. **Betty Raynor Pittman**, who reminded me our 60th reunion is near, enjoys her family's third generation of Mary Washington students. Her freshman grandson was

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 worked on the film *Cas & Dylan* with **Richard Dreyfuss**, a Civil War buff who was fascinated to learn that Conni went to school in Fredericksburg.

elected to Class Council and selected as a Washington Guide to conduct tours for prospective students. Despite the changes, Betty said, "the core and spirit of our beloved Mary Washington remain."

Irene Maliaros Mathas sent news that **Joan Schlesinger Miller** died in August. Joan's obituary mentioned her early employment as a buyer for I. Magnin in New York and her volunteer positions and community service contributions to the Virginia Opera and causes in the Tidewater area, where she and her husband raised their family.

Barbara Pritchett Jones evaluated our current place in the world: "We're still on this side of the dirt, so to speak, and meet the challenges that come in the 80s with all the strength we can muster." **Gayle Winston Roberts'** oldest grandson, Page Jr., graduated from dental school in May and practices in Richmond. He married in October.

Nicky Raitt Staunton lives near her daughter in a botanically rich area at the county line between Madison

and Culpeper. A Virginia Native Plant Society member, she advocates for protecting the state's native habitats. She photographs and illustrates plants, and participates in the Flora of Virginia Project, publishing the first *Flora of Virginia* – containing documentation of native Virginia plants – since 1762.

Betsy Dickinson Surles and Lenny continue to "house-sit." Hurricane Sandy came through their carport door! Their elder son lives with them, and his teenage daughters visit often. Lenny still works eight-hour days after a heart valve replacement. They traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in September and attended a niece's

wedding in Richmond, where they found **Peggy Hopkins Johnson** at the guest book. The hurricane left Peggy housebound for three days. A huge tree fell into daughter Liz's yard in

Arlington, Va., sending her and her husband to a hotel. Peg celebrated her 80th birthday with her sister and friends at Myrtle Beach, then with Liz at the Gaylord hotel in National Harbor on the Potomac.

Thinking of Peg brings **Nancy Melton Miller** and **Nell McCoy Savopoulos** to mind. Nell and Mike of St. Augustine, Fla., planned to spend Thanksgiving with their son in Harrisonburg, Va. Her other son and his family, who live in Baltimore, were to join them. After beginning a kitchen renovation in August and encountering many problems, they hoped to be done by Christmas.

Last September **Sally Hanger Moravitz '55** took a Viking cruise on the Danube and was signed up for a sailing trip to snorkel in the Spice Islands.

Bub and I continue to be in good health, thanks to several daily naps. He still plays tennis, and I do morning neighborhood walks. We planned to celebrate Thanksgiving at Chip and Karmen's with most of the family,

then do Christmas here. When we're all together, there's 27. Our Kim, suffering from ovarian cancer in Richmond, got a good report after her first months of chemo but was experiencing other complications.

I have carpal tunnel syndrome in my left hand, making using the computer more difficult. Would one of you please consider assuming the honor of being Class Agent? It's fun hearing from everyone, and the Alumni Relations staff is great. I'll be anxiously awaiting a reply! If you aren't getting occasional emails asking for news, please send me your current address.

1954

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1955

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With the weather back east and less frequent travel stories, our entry is abbreviated this time. Our travels now are mostly to see medical professionals. I find I need help shoring up various body parts. I'm beginning to commiserate with our '96 van, which still runs but demands frequent attention.

Polly Stoddard Heim and Ken sold their Tucson, Ariz., home last April, becoming year-round Idaho residents. Their house in McCall, where they've spent the past 11 summers, provided a break while they prepared the Lewiston house. Daughter Lynne is nearby, and son Rob is 500 miles west in the Seattle area. They looked forward to Thanksgiving in California.

Last July **Sally Hanger Moravitz** attended a Sacred Dance Guild festival in Holland, Mich. She and Fran lost power during Sandy and were thankful for their fireplace. They headed for their cottage on the bay, since power was restored there first. Sally was thankful son Brian was no longer on the Fairfax search-and-rescue team, which

pulled lots of extra hours. Last September Sally and Fran took a Viking cruise on the Danube and were signed up for a sailing trip to snorkel in the Spice Islands.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth's husband, Chris, has had health issues and two recent surgeries for diverticulitis and was recuperating. The day Charlotte and Chris celebrated their 56th anniversary, a lightning bolt entered their home's crawlspace and burned the insulation off the gas line. Thankfully, they'd returned from dinner. Chris used the fire extinguisher; Charlotte called 911.

Kathleen Clarkson Barlow and her husband moved from Peterborough to Jaffrey, N.H., five years ago. They joined a historical society, attend art shows, and enjoy music in the area. Kathleen began a crochet group and makes prayer shawls for a church to give to the ill. She reads, plays piano, and has a new cat named Sophy, inspired by *The Grand Sophy* by Georgette Heyer. She and her husband explore New England. Kathleen's sister, **Laura Clarkson Hendrick '57**, died in September. Kathleen spent three weeks with her when she was feeling well, playing piano, shopping, eating out, and talking about childhood, college days, and married life.

Barbara Trites Peterson of Murrells Inlet on South Carolina's northern coast attended a summer gathering of 3,000 Presbyterian women at the Gaylord hotel in Orlando. She gardens and is still with her church's Stephen Ministry in Myrtle Beach. **Virginia Marco Hancock** of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is glad the election is over and hopes decision-makers come together for the good of our country.

My thanks to all who've responded faithfully; it saves me from stomachaches near deadline and all of you from having to read excerpts from my writings, *What I Have Learned in 78 Years and Other Nonsense*.

1956

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Page Richardson Coulthard and husband Bob traveled to Hawaii in January 2012. Retired since 2001, **Barbara Strangmann Hiscock** enjoys book and bridge clubs, season tickets to the theater, and taking courses. She has two granddaughters.

Dorcas "D.A." Hickox Channell of Daytona Beach, Fla., left Mary Washington after three years to marry Ensign Ralph Norman Channell, USNA Class of '55. She's lived all over the world. The most interesting place was Moscow; the most loved

In this summer's USA Fencing National Championships, Sordid Ladies, the four-fencer team of **Sherry Farrington Green '60**, took a bronze.

was Hawaii. After her husband retired, Dorcas had the In Good Taste catering company for 16 years in the San Francisco East Bay area. She has sons Ralph and Hal, and grandchildren Christopher and Jenny. Dorcas keeps in touch with **Helen Wilkins Obenshain**, **Anne McCann Collier**, and **Marian Minor '55**.

Last year **Frieda Byrd** attended her U.Va. reunion and spent time with children and grandchildren at home in Georgia and during their annual beach week in Hilton Head, S.C., attended by all five children, their spouses, 11 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Frieda hoped to visit her oldest brother and his family in Texas with one of her daughters in December.

Betty Marshall Whitlock and her husband visited the Alabama/Florida Gulf Coast in spring and fall. They cruised along the Maine coast in August and attended a November duplicate bridge tournament in Virginia Beach. Betty still plays tennis. Their children and grandchildren are in the Northern Virginia area. One teaches at Centreville High School, one is getting a master's

degree at Radford, one is a sophomore at James Madison University, one is at UMW, and the youngest is a high school junior.

I do local history and volunteer projects, vacationed in Maine in August, and planned to be in Iowa for Christmas.

1957

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Meredith Puller Townes and husband Jack took a 16-day August trip to Russia. Meredith was sorry to miss the last reunion; the date conflicted with their club's benefit golf tournament for breast cancer, which she's run for 11 years. **Joyce Bristow Wrestler** and husband Cliff took the final part of the dream trip they'd canceled in spring because of his blood disorder. After receiving his doctor's OK, they went to Oahu to see the

USS Arizona. They hope to travel to Australia and New Zealand soon.

Kathleen Clarkson Barlow '55 reported the September death of her sister, **Laura Clarkson Hendrick**.

Hopefully, I'll get more news next time.

1958

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When **Mary "Kay" Martin Britto** of Wilmington, N.C., saw **Bonnie Hatch Bowden** in *Give It Your Best Shot* in the summer 2012 *UMW Magazine*, she called Bonnie, who confirmed she's the one pictured. Kay's youngest daughter, a Leesburg, Va., librarian, planned a May wedding in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Kay looked forward to spring graduations of her granddaughter from the College of William and Mary and grandson from Radford.

Carol Lehman of Ridgewood, N.J., said getting gas after Sandy was easier when they went to odd/even days. **Elizabeth "Betty" Gould Storms** of Leavenworth, Kan., probably won't attend the reunion; her

third granddaughter is to receive a master's degree in education from Texas Tech around that time.

I'm not sure I'll attend the reunion; I might have to have another hip replacement. If you all send notes, I'll write about it for *Class Notes*.

1959

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Ann Brooks Coutsibinas lives near the George Washington Bridge and watched the city lights disappear when Sandy hit the New York/New Jersey area. Anastasia and Greg are fine. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** was in Europe and returned home to no electricity, phone, or heat. She and Don are keeping on.

I contacted **Peggy Clark Bidwell**, a childhood and forever friend of **Dale Harris Leahy**, whose passing was announced in the summer 2012 *UMW Magazine*. Dale died suddenly last February from an aneurysm.

I looked forward to your Christmas newsletters. And a certain young man, 3½-year-old Lucas, looked forward to Santa bringing him an iPad!

1960

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Greetings to one and all. Several classmates were affected by Superstorm Sandy. We heard from **Nancy Deiss** of Washington, D.C., **Sue Whidden Frisch** and **Mona Allen Spilo** of Connecticut, and **Jo Lister Jacobs** of Virginia, who had heavy rain, some flood damage, and short power outages.

Sandy Poole of Maryland wrote that the Lower Eastern Shore fared well except for the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The quaint town of Crisfield, Md., was severely flooded, but it just seemed like a tropical storm where Sandy lives. One of the earlier East Coast storms blew out power and air conditioning at **Jean Eubanks Holland's** home in the Washington, D.C., area.

Success Built on Respect

Diana Rupert Livingston '71 set forth a vision as general manager of a QVC call center that opened in Port St. Lucie, Fla., in 1999. Co-worker Tom Yurkovich still has those words hanging on his office bulletin board: "Create an environment where people feel valued, want to come to work, and feel time here is well spent."

"It's how we treat one another," said Yurkovich, who credits Livingston with fostering an atmosphere of respect and truly caring about the people around her. "She has a sincere interest in understanding people. If you're going to sit down and have a conversation with Diana, she is going to be interested in what you're saying."

Livingston worked in two of the three domestic customer contact centers of the multinational home shopping network QVC before opening her own 1,200-employee QVC call center as general manager.

A teacher of emotional intelligence and a consummate volunteer recognized with the 2008 Volunteer Service Award from President George W. Bush, Livingston plans to retire this spring and move to Richmond, in part to be near her Mary Washington roots. She said her education in psychology and sociology at the school has shaped her personal and professional relationships.

"I've always been intrigued with the human personality," she said. "It's part of an intellectual curiosity that I have."

Her mother, Martha Sadler Rupert, fostered that curiosity.

"Early on, Mother could see what an education meant and was determined to complete high school and four years at Salem College even though she had a baby at age 18," Livingston said. Her mother earned a doctorate in history later in life and taught economics, sociology, world cultures, and history in the public schools until 1991.

"When she died in 2000 from Alzheimer's disease, it seemed most fitting to use funds from her life insurance to establish a scholarship so that a deserving student could benefit," Livingston said. She endowed that Mary Washington scholarship in 2002.

Livingston was just 17 when she left her small Maryland hometown for college in the late 1960s. Her quiet world soon turned to turmoil and change. The courage of her Mary Washington sisters who marched to Washington, D.C., inspired her throughout



Tom Yurkovich

Diana Rupert Livingston, who managed a 1,200-employee QVC call center, has been so dedicated to serving others that President George W. Bush gave her the 2008 Volunteer Service Award.

her life and shaped her desire to be "a good person who helps others."

Another model was the late psychology professor Alice Rabson. "She demonstrated genuine caring and concern for me," said Livingston, noting that such concern led her to the realization that recognizing emotions in others enables a person to reach out and help.

Livingston was selected to serve as a director on the University of Mary Washington Foundation Board in April 2009 and said she looks forward to continued relationships with like-minded alumni.

Through Mary Washington, she said, "I've met people who are 20 years older than I am and 40 years younger. And we all consider ourselves citizens of the world, and we want to make the world a better place."

— Donya Currie

Jean had an extended visit with her daughter's family at Bethany Beach, Del., last summer.

Gray Shafer Dodson took her work to art shows and summer displays and routinely participated in *plein-air* workshops in New England and the Virginia mountains. She travels from her mountain home to show regularly in Virginia Beach, her old stomping grounds. **Joyce Neill Krost** went to Spain in September to paint and to visit her sister, and she visited her son and his family in Germany.

Iris Hall Newton reported the death of her son, Conley, known as Tip, from a fast-acting cancer. His passing caught everyone by surprise. Iris still quilts, making crib quilts, bibs, and other baby items for her daughters and granddaughters to give their friends. Iris stays in contact with **Billie Bushong Boyd**.

In this summer's USA Fencing National Championships, **Sherry Farrington Green's** four-fencer team, Sordid Ladies, took a bronze. Sherry took a bronze in individual sabre, earning her a place on the USA Fencing Veterans World Team, and went to Krems, Austria, in October to compete in the Veteran World Championships.

Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt, husband Chris, and son Noah planned to spend most of the summer at their daughter's in California, getting to know their grandson and nephew, who was born in July. **Carolyn Rolston Rourke** of Maine moved to a smaller home in the same town. **Liz Hill Heaney** and hubby were selling their North Carolina home to be closer to their children and thinking of moving to New Jersey. **Sue Smith Goodrick** took her dream cruise to the Mediterranean, touring Barcelona, Rome, Monte Carlo, Monaco, and the Greek isles.

Betsy Hopkins Hays' husband of 52 years, Rusty, passed away in August, following a struggle with Alzheimer's. With help from friends, they moved from Fort Myers, Fla., to South Carolina, while he was still able. Rusty joined their son, Mark, who died in 2007. Their daughter, Elizabeth, and four grandkids, who live in England, were able to be with him before he passed.

Penny Engle Burkhardt and husband Brad traveled to California, visiting Sausalito, the Marin Headlands, and Amoeba Music in Haight-Ashbury. They drove through the Napa Valley, toured a winery, and headed up the Pacific Coast Highway to Mendocino and Fort Bragg, where they climbed the 145 steps to the top of Point Arena Lighthouse. They drove through the Avenue of the Giants and the town of Ferndale, and ended up in Arcata, where their son lives.

Gaye Roberts Olson's mother, who lived in Texas, passed away after a six-year struggle with Alzheimer's. Gaye arranged to transport her ashes from Texas to be buried in Boise, Idaho.

Syd Collson Chichester walks a couple of miles several times a week and does water aerobics. In Fredericksburg, she helped an ex-student of hers start a business aiding folks moving to retirement and assisted living quarters. She planned to return for the winter/spring season to Vero Beach, Fla., where **Gay Hall Sullivan** lives just three houses away and **Nancy Cleaves Blades** and her husband winter. **Joan Scarritt Reynolds** traveled to Cape Cod and Connecticut in August and to Spain and Prague in the fall.

Pat Donnell Voelker traveled to the Boston area and planned a road trip to rendezvous with family and friends in Florida. Pat is involved in her local Delphians Beta Chapter, sponsoring seminars for public education. Members do research and present papers, a fantastic way to use the skills we learned at Mary Washington and keep our retro-brains alert.

Bonnie Davis Hall bounced around last summer among their homes in Cape Cod, in the White Mountains, and outside Boston. In July, they went to Farmington, Maine, to attend **Debbie Mallett Cressall's** pre-planned 75th birthday celebration posthumously. Bonnie said it was good closure. Bonnie's husband, Ross, a conductor on the Cape Cod Central Railroad, worked on two fall scenic excursions. They're members of The Revels,

a singing group that recently cut its second CD. Bonnie is vice president of the Cape Cod Highland Light Scottish Society and sings in her church choir. She talked to **Carlota Muse Rokita** of Vienna, Austria, who planned to come to the U.S. in April.

Susan Cramer Drouin of Tustin, Calif.; **Jan Latven Allnutt**; **Betty Bruce Shepard**; and **Joey Van Tol Goetz** were unable to make their annual get-together this year. Susan sees **Sue Stanley Sokil** when she visits her son and his family in San Diego. **Beth Gill Daniel** reports ongoing pulmonary problems but loves staying in touch with classmates. She travels a lot these days, as do many of us – to and from the doctor. **Peggy Bloxom Verville** of Virginia Beach goes on cruises and was recovering from babysitting her daughter's three children while she went to school to update her teaching certification. **Nancy Deiss** celebrated her birthday in Middleburg, Va., with family and had a second party in Alexandria with friends.

My (**Jody Campbell Close**) eldest is still in Afghanistan, but I hope he'll soon be home or transferred to another assignment. I had an exciting fall – not the season – stumbling while walking the dog. I fell on my face, got my first shiner, and broke my nose. I'm fine now, but my hopes for the other type of

new grandson-in-law, and twin 2-year-old great-grandbabies in Las Vegas for Christmas. We plan a trip to Florida in May for the high school graduation of our youngest grandson, who joined the Marines and will leave for boot camp. Our son, who now has an "empty nest," with his two daughters in college, is pursuing a degree to be a high school history teacher.

If you have an email address you haven't shared with Jody or me, and you'd like to hear from us more than three times a year, let us know so we can add you to our monthly emails. Send your birthdate, and we'll send you a birthday ecard, too.

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From Connie: **Kelly Cherry**, our prolific poet, has two more books coming out. Her poetry chapbook *Vectors: J. Robert Oppenheimer: The Years Before the Bomb* was published by Parallel Press of the University of Wisconsin-

Madison Libraries in December, and her new full-length poetry collection, *The Life and Death of Poetry*, published by Louisiana State University Press, is set for a spring release. She and

Burke spent five weeks on Emerald Isle on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Mary Gilliam Dodson Larson's first grandchild was due in December, and Mary planned to visit her youngest daughter and her husband in Seattle after the baby arrived. Jan Clarke of University Advancement at UMW visited **Jerri Barden Perkins** in her new location on Hilton Head Island, S.C. **Ellen Rosenthal '64** joined them, and they shared an evening watching the sun set and discussing how UMW students might become involved with

Bread for the City, which offers medical and other services in the Washington, D.C., area. Ellen and Jerri have served on their board. Jerri hasn't played tennis in years but dabbles at golf. She still works and was invited to give an adult education class on good clinical practices. **Noreen Galvin Dunn** was recovering from a stroke. Her business, Dunn Appraisal Services, is in Christiansted, Virgin Islands.

On the passing of our Cornell freshman suitemate, **Ginnie Cusick Hanlon**, in February 2012, **Sandee Judkins Armitage** said she was thinking of all (**Janie Riles**; **Jane Snyder**, who passed away several years ago; **Carlotta Croghan**; **Sandy Kollendar**, of whom we've lost track; and **Nell Leary**) that September day in Cornell. Sandee said Ginnie lived in Ohio and had two sons and an active theater career.

Eleanor Knight Jensen and Cliff left in August for a three-week cruise on the Seabourn Odyssey, visiting Istanbul, the Black Sea, and ports in Turkey, the Greek isles, Athens, and Venice. New destinations for them on this cruise included Bulgaria and Romania. They left in October for five weeks on their favorite Caribbean island, St. Barts. **Lynne McCarthy** finally got through her mother's paperwork that she packed in 1992 and brought home from Norfolk, Va., but she hasn't gotten through all her parents' photographs. Lynn and I commiserate on how our lung diseases and constantly being on oxygen have changed our lifestyles.

Mary McMorrow Swanson of Clearwater and **Chloe Irvin Weaver** of Dunedin, Fla., met for lunch in July with Mary's sister and Chloe's husband, Bill. In May, **Jean Ryan Farrell** took a three-week trip, seeing Beijing, Xian, Chongqing, and Hong Kong, where son Robert met them for three days. Hurricane Sandy left **Bev Carlson Shea** and Jim in Bethlehem, Pa., without electricity for almost six days.

In advance of the fall election, **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** made several politically themed pitholders. For Thanksgiving week, she planned to have 15 houseguests, including two sons, two daughters-in-law, and 11 grandchildren. For Thanksgiving Day, they were

During Superstorm Sandy, **Lynne Williams Neave '61** didn't lose power in NYC or in Connecticut, so she provided shelter for less fortunate family and friends.

"early fall trip" (pun intended) were put on hold. I plan to have attended two genealogy conferences and taken more trips by the time you read this.

I (**Karen Larsen Nelson**) relaxed at our summer resort in the mountains. We took a September trip to Colorado to celebrate our 52nd anniversary with friends who summer near Durango. We drove through the mountains and camped in several national parks before returning to Mesa, Ariz., for the winter and our daily dancing. We planned to visit our daughter, two granddaughters,



to have an additional two sons, one daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren, for a total of 23. Oldest grandson Christopher graduated from high school and takes online courses.

As of mid-November, I was still waiting to hear that the perfect lung had arrived. Andy and I relocated to Durham, N.C., in August so I could participate in the required pulmonary rehab, consisting of 23 sessions, both pre- and post-transplant, with continuing daily maintenance. Duke University Hospital is the best place for this procedure, and I'm grateful to be here. The downside is being away from family, especially our 5-year-old grandson, Leo, in Wilmington, N.C. Thanks to those who sent encouraging words. It all makes me more determined to get well!

From Renee: **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** planned a January cruise to the Southern Caribbean with **Pat Scott Peck**. Peggy and a cousin have a February timeshare week in NYC. She planned to spend time in March and April with friends and family in Arizona, Texas, and Georgia. Pat and **Carolyn Crum Pannu** took an October Mediterranean cruise.

Dick Burroughs, the widower of former Class Agent **Annie Hopkins**, said daughter-in-law Carol is back with *Mamma Mia*. Carol fell onstage several months ago and tore her Achilles tendon, but she returned to the production when she, Donnie, and their daughter moved back to New York from Las Vegas.

Bev Barkley Weaver, a roommate sophomore year in "the tunnel" with **Candes Parker Chumney**, lives in Cary, N.C., and works at the state Capitol. Her husband died five years ago. Peggy saw Candes, who's busy with children and grandchildren in San Antonio, Texas, a few years ago, and has emailed with **Cindy Scott Morcott**. **Gene England Simonds** of Oxford, Va., came to our 50th. Husband Harrison died a few months later. **Renee Skinner Wheeler** of Springfield, Va., where Skip was in the military, sends Christmas letters with news of her three children and her grandchildren. The six of them were on Willard third floor, back hall.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart sold their house and two boats and were preparing to move to an independent living villa in a United Methodist continuous care retirement community in Williamsburg, Va. Stuart was to have hip surgery in February to correct a previous surgery. They spent some time with **Marcia Minton Keech** and Bill in Hilton Head, S.C.

Mary Hatcher and friend Bill traveled to Texas, visiting the San Antonio Missions Trail, the LBJ Ranch, and Mary's college roommate, **Kathy Byorum Whaley**, in Copperas Cove. Mary attended a Friends of the Collection meeting and tour in Williamsburg, had lunch with **Betsey Hueston Hansen**, spent a summer week in Lake Erie, Pa., and planned a December trip to Phoenix.

I had one more chemo in November and was to take December off before beginning radiation. I can't thank you guys enough for your well wishes, prayers, emails, and cards. Tests show that I'm cancer-free! When my blood counts are good, I can attend events with crowds. In October, I saw Lily Tomlin's one-woman show, and in November, I saw Barbra Streisand at the Hollywood Bowl. I've managed to have some fun through all this!

Judy Saunders Slifer '61 and twin sister **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland '61** planned a May river cruise from Budapest to Bucharest.

To the rest of my group, I wish you'd send news.

From Lynne: During Superstorm Sandy – named after my husband, Sandy – we didn't lose power in NYC or in Connecticut, so we provided shelter for less fortunate family and friends. We had seven people, including my goddaughter (daughter of **Jill Cusack Clay**, who was only at Mary Washington for one semester) and family, in our city apartment. Sandy and I went to check our place in Litchfield and were joined for four nights by middle son Parker and his wife, three

children, and a chocolate Lab.

Becky Young-Butler Guy was inducted as an honorary member of UMW's Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa last April. The ceremony was held in Seacobeck with 46 student inductees.

Joyce Wilborn Lacy '62 and husband **Lou** celebrated their 50th anniversary in August at The Homestead.

Speakers included Professor of Mathematics **Suzanne Sumner**, Chapter President and Associate Professor of English **Gary Richards**, and Chapter Historian and Distinguished Professor of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion **David Cain**. Chapter member and former Virginia Poet Laureate **Carolyn Kreiter Foronda '69** read an original poem.

Judy Saunders Slifer and twin sister **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** got together with **Babs Buse Johnson**, who was preparing to move to Orlando, Fla., to be near one of her daughters. Her other daughter lives in Washington State. Babs traveled recently to Seattle and Denver. Judy and Eleanore planned a May river cruise from Budapest to Bucharest and lunched with **Sue Butzner Maschino**. Eleanore was to celebrate Christmas with her family, including her ex-husband, in Winter Park, Colo. She spent months healing after breaking her ankle, and Judy takes a protocol for multiple myeloma.

Sandy Walters Julifs of Sterling, Ill., planned to retire in January after 40 years, 29 as CEO, with a nine-county community action agency. She'll be a consultant to the agency and continue her involvement with community activities. They visited their oldest son and family in Los Angeles for Thanksgiving.

Elizabeth Ann "Bitsy" Wright Coxe and sophomore roommate **Connie Booth Logothetis** have been friends since they were 16-year-old "Army brats" at Fort Benning, Ga. Bitsy's thoughts and prayers are with

Connie, who was a bridesmaid in her wedding, as she awaits a lung transplant at Duke. In October, mutual friends **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug visited Connie and Andy at Duke on their way to Washington, D.C., to see Doug's 96-year-old mother, and drove from Montgomery, Ala., lunching with Bitsy and George at the Hopkins Club in Baltimore. Bitsy and Dee, who also was in Bitsy's wedding, were freshman roomies and have been friends since they were seventh-grade "Army brats" in Arlington, Va.

Jane Riles still teaches painting in San Diego and planned to take artists with her in September to a house she rented on the beach in Cannes. She and Jim were wintering in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. On trips between Miami and Calais, Maine, **Pat Scott Peck** visited **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art. Pat does historical and genealogical work at the Library of Virginia, and the three of them enjoyed wine and Prince Edward Island mussels at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. In September, the Backstroms stayed in a B&B in Diecimo, Tuscany, then went to Florence.

1962

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Wow, girls! Could it really be since 1958 that we wore those glamorous beanies and sang those sentimental words, especially the second verse?

"Whene'er we have to leave you

We never will forget

The lessons you have taught us

And all the friends we've met.

And we your sons and daughters

Will hold your name on high,

So here's to Mary Washington,

Our love will never die!"

What a resounding success our 50th reunion was! Missing were our youthful singing voices and the sound of the pipe organ that adorned George Washington Hall.

On Friday evening, despite a big thunderstorm, the expanding campus and Brompton grounds looked beautiful, and the hors d'oeuvres served in the new Tennis Center were delicious. Giant applause goes to **Mark Thaden '02**, the new director of alumni relations, and his staff. They did a great job working with members of our class's reunion committee, **Nancy Powell Sykes**, **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor**, **Betty Stewart Kienast**, **Margaret Walker MacAllister**, **Jane Walshe McCracken**, **Marsha Lynn Wilkins**, and **Emily Lewis**. Our class was able to establish a scholarship in honor of our 50th reunion. It's an investment fund that keeps growing. Contact Emily for more information.

Our once-in-a-lifetime event included tours, classes, speakers, a Friday night banquet, and a dance and presentations in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center on Saturday night. A picnic Saturday on Ball Circle included tents for all classes. One of the most touching parts was a reverent reading of the list of all our dear classmates who have passed on.

At our Friday night dinner, **Maggie MacAllister** introduced our guest speaker, William B. Crawley, professor emeritus of history, who entertained us with photos and memories of rules, dress codes, and more. He and wife **Theresa Young Crawley '77** have given their hearts and souls to UMW. Bill's book, *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*, is a masterpiece. The Saturday evening dance event featured President Richard V. Hurley's toast to our 50th reunion and presentation of awards. He and wife Rose have had a positive impact on UMW. They're awesome on the dance floor, too! We missed those who couldn't join us, but *UMW Magazine* is a great way to keep in touch.

Classmates at the reunion came from Virginia, California, Oregon, Michigan, Ohio, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Kentucky. **Beverly Sulpice Percell** helped several classmates get to the train station and airports.

We appreciate our past class agents. When Kathleen called **Pat Mackey Taylor** to get pointers on preparing news, she discovered Pat had lost husband Bob in June, then fallen and broken an ankle. Our heartfelt sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery go to Pat, whose fourth granddaughter was due on Christmas!

Nancy Powell Sykes uses saltwater pools to help her heal from knee replacement surgery. Neither daughter lives nearby. We thank Nancy for representing our class on the Alumni Board all these years and for her leadership for our reunion.

Jane Walshe McCracken was recovering from a stroke and was brave to fly from California to be at the reunion. She said **Emily Lewis**, **Ann Tench Huml**, **Helen Alexion James**, and **Judith Lewis '61** had a mini-reunion in September at Emily's home on

Powell '92, her husband, and granddaughter Katie came to the picnic Saturday. Joan and Kathleen met outside Charlottesville in October to discuss the reunion.

Carolyn White still leads spiritual youth groups and revived her violin playing. **Rosalie Alico Turner** has scheduled speaking tours for her sixth book, *March With Me*, grounded in Birmingham, Ala., during the civil rights movement and due to be published this year. **Faye Grear Metzl** moved to Kershaw, S.C., near her two sons, one of whom is a TV station photojournalist. She likes visiting wildlife refuges in the southeast.

Nancy Cheek Mitchell of Winchester, Va., recently had lunch with Joan. Nancy and Bob planned to visit one of their sons in China. **Lucy Ritter Todd** travels extensively with her husband, who does archaeological digs

and research.

Carolyn Powell, **Piotrowski** and **Sandy Cox Jones**, who went to U.Va. for nursing, live in Charlottesville. **Betsy Carper**

Cole and **Sue Grandy Farrar** planned a fall Viking river cruise on the Danube. **Marcia Kirsten Fitzmaurice's** daughter, Carey, created Teal Toes to publicize the symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Sandra McGregor Craig and husband Ken of Virginia Beach made their annual cross-country drive, visiting San Diego for a Navy ship reunion. They saw suitemate **Judy Wolfe Allen** and husband in La Jolla. Sandra's and Judy's husbands were USNA classmates. **Aney Melton Massie** retired from teaching. She and her husband enjoy grandchildren on their Washington County farm. Aney stays in touch with **Ame Garthright Anderson**, who retired. She and Ken are still connected to Virginia Tech.

Joyce Hartley Mitcheltree retired after teaching 43 years, does church work, and is grateful for Alan Jackson's fundraiser concert to repair damage in Mineral, Va., caused by the 2011 earthquake. Retired teacher **Kakki Perry Aydlotte** of Powhatan, Va., keeps in touch with dear friend **Bonnie Platt Larsen** of New

Jersey. **Pat Barrack Gibson**, who retired as dean of the Trident Technical College Learning Center in Charleston, S.C., travels abroad and enjoys her two young grandsons nearby. Pat attends the same church as **Ruby Hodges Holcomb '61**.

Our sympathy goes to **Julia Shumaker Bailess**, who lost her 94-year-old mother, who was still living in her own home. Julia was expecting her fifth grandchild and enjoying her new beach house in Emerald Isle, N.C. She and Bob, the exciting Spotsylvania football coach she met as a UMW student teacher, celebrated their 50th anniversary.

On a sad note, **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor** lost her youngest brother, Clarence Sprenkle, on Sept. 11 after a battle with sarcoidosis. He'd been a great support to her since Barry's long illness, but she likes to dwell on her blessings, especially her eight grandchildren and her cocker spaniels, Buster and Blossom.

What a treasure to have longtime friends. As **Myrtle Dean France** said, you smile every time you picture us at the banquet trying to move these bodies to *The Twist*. Hopefully our 50th reunion will help keep our bonds alive. Thanks to all who participated. Keep the news coming! If you don't do email, our home addresses are on that green postcard.

1963

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I have no news this time, as I was in Dubai and South Africa. I want to focus your attention on preparations for our 50th reunion, May 31 to June 2. The committee is preparing a memorable weekend, and I hope many of you will plan to attend. Classes started in the fall of 1911 for students of the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School for Women, and a groundbreaking took place in September for one of the latest buildings under construction, the Information and Technology Convergence Center. It reflects Georgian architecture, blends with earlier structures, and, as was said at the ceremony, will stand as a symbol of "the University's commitment to high quality, innovative teaching and student-centered learning."

Longtime journalist **Linda Patterson Hamilton '65** and husband **Austin** have ridden their Honda "trike" up mountains with elevations of more than 14,000 feet.

Afton Mountain. Ann missed the reunion; she and her husband were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise.

Many of us were married soon after graduation. Congratulations to all the 50th anniversary couples! **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** and husband Lou celebrated their 50th anniversary in August by hosting their three children, spouses, and seven grandchildren on a trip to The Homestead. Their eighth grandchild, the first Lacy baby boy, was expected Christmas week. **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor**, **Louise Couch Girvin**, and **Ella Waller Nargelle** were in their wedding party. Joyce and Lou still divide their time between Hilton Head, S.C., and Winchester, Va. Louise and John visit Kathleen en route from Kentucky to his sister's place in Falls Church, Va. Louise, Peggy, and Kathleen were freshman roommates. **Peggy Downs Gerber** of Wilmington, Del., and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** spent the night at Kathleen's to help tie up reunion details. Peggy and John celebrated the birth of their sixth grandchild. Joan's daughter, **Shannon Rothgeb**



By the time we arrived on campus in 1959, buildings depicting Georgian architecture created a beautiful community. We sat in small classes taught by a caring, dedicated faculty as we began our liberal arts studies. We were bonded by the Honor Code and a culture that set high standards and helped prepare us for a changing world. These same values and experiences bond us to all who followed. Though the student body is now nearly 5,000, a liberal arts and sciences program is still at the University's core. Classes are still small, and students still pledge to uphold the Honor Code.

The Fredericksburg Hospitality House on State Route 3 has been secured as the official reunion hotel for our class. Find updates to the schedule on Facebook or on the alumni page of the UMW website. An important part of the weekend is our class participation in the Race for the Eagle. By now, you should have received your Reunion Weekend letter outlining the campaign. Many of us give to our alma mater each year, but during our reunion year, we have the opportunity to make a significant impact. Every gift, no matter what size, counts. We were helped by alumni when we were students, and today the University's endowment fund supports scholarships, construction, renovation, new programs, faculty awards, and more to enhance the UMW legacy.

1964

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This newsletter was written just days after Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast, and our area of New York was still largely without power. Our computer and phone service were a nightmare in the storm, so if you sent an email with your news and you don't see it here, please let me know so I can put it in the next newsletter.

Patti Jones Schacht and Richard traveled to Italy, seeing the Amalfi Coast, Rome and Vatican City, Assisi, Florence, Venice, and Cinque Terre. Their first grandchild was married in Colorado in the spring. Richard returned from a trip to South

America, where he and a group that funds the building of churches in several South American countries visited towns and orphanages. The Schachts planned their annual Thanksgiving reunion.

Anne Liady Lynch retired five years ago but was busier than ever with governmental and nonprofit organizations. She and husband Bob, an attorney in private practice, travel a lot, with many trips connected to Bob's legal practice. Places they've visited include Monterey and Napa Valley, Calif.; Victoria, B.C.; Jackson Hole, Wyo.; and Sun Valley, Idaho. Their oldest daughter and her husband are architects in Phoenix and have 4-year-old daughter Teagan. Middle daughter Caroline of Alexandria, Va., is also an attorney, as well as chief counsel to the Crime,

Sue Smith Goodrick '60 took her dream cruise to the Mediterranean, touring Barcelona, Rome, Monte Carlo, Monaco, and the Greek isles.

Terrorism, and Homeland Security subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. Youngest daughter Stephanie has a doctorate in physical therapy and volunteers in a clinic in Peru. Anne and Bob visited her there last year but looked forward to her return to the U.S. in December.

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson had a bout with breast cancer, had radiation treatments, and was feeling great. Indefatigable, Susan made previously scheduled presentations at the Healthy Kitchens/Healthy Lives conference at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley, Calif., just three weeks after surgery! Between radiation treatments, she presented talks to the Arizona and Louisiana dietetic associations. Autumn brought a conference of the Association of Food Journalists in Washington, D.C., and a visit to the updated Smithsonian exhibit of Julia Child's kitchen. The Nicholsons spent a week in Paris. Susan reminds us to

get our mammograms. Look for Susan's *Seven-Day Menu Planner for Dummies* in bookstores everywhere.

Sharon Haythorne Stack planned a November visit to the New York area for a family wedding. **Sally Crenshaw Witt** and husband Sam have a new grandchild, Henry Witt, born last June to Sally's son, Clay, and his wife. Sally and Sam have a new dog, rescued from the house of a hoarder. Sally gardens, and she grew a Norfolk pine so healthy and tall they use it as a Christmas tree. **Ann McCallum Murray** of Buhl, Idaho, is a volunteer guardian ad litem for foster children through the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. She works with the Boys and Girls Club, is a member of her local Rotary group, was preparing for the Octogenarian Dinner, works with metal in her studio, and is president of the Idaho Metal Arts Guild.

Don't forget to email. Your classmates love to hear your news. I'm impressed with the activities, courage, spirit, and selflessness of our classmates. Have a safe year. As ever, Vicky.

1965

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I continue to enjoy being class agent and request you send updated email addresses as they change. I traveled to San Jose, Calif., to help my daughter after the birth of her second son in November. I planned to return there for Christmas, then go to Hanford, Calif., in February to help my daughter-in-law while she delivers her third child, a daughter. My son, Frank, is deployed again on the USS John C. Stennis and won't see this baby until she is 2 months old.

Margaret Cobourn John said **Trudy Kitchen Kohl** had a bad fall in January 2012, was having therapy while living at her son's North Carolina home, and aimed to be home in Virginia Beach by April. Meg also said **Barbara Hagemann Hester** and hubby Ben of Manassas, Va., visited them in July. Then they

followed them to Travelers Rest, S.C., where her daughter lives. They all went to Ashville to see **Barbara Wolfeil Weatherall** and husband Joe. Barbara and Ben visited son Brad in Denver and daughter Carrie in Charlotte, N.C., in September. Barbara still works but would like to travel more. Oldest daughter Susie and her family live nearby.

Linda Patterson Hamilton and husband Austin moved from Kansas to the Denver area in December 2011. Son Jeff lost his wife to cancer that August, and they helped with his two small daughters. He recently remarried and has a blended family with a total of six children. Oldest son Wade and his wife and three children moved to Denver last summer. Two of their children still live out of state. They've ridden their Honda "trike" up mountains with elevations of more than 14,000 feet and took a September peak-to-peak vacation.

Ann Moser Garner planned to retire in June, after 32 years of service as secretary/attendance coordinator with King William High School in Virginia. She wants to spend more time with her family and three grandchildren, ages 2 to 8, in Alabama while her health is still good. She recently took up a new sport called pickleball. **Lee Smith Musgrave** planned to sell her Norfolk, Va., home and move to Blacksburg to be near her daughter. She put a reserve on a lot in a senior community and hoped to begin building in December.

Louise Stevens Robbins helped organize her high school class's wildly successful 50th reunion in October 2011. This summer she entertained the teenage children of her 1983-84 exchange-student son, as well as two librarians from Kazakhstan, where she traveled in February. She visited her sisters, Joyce Stevens Shore and **Donna Stevens Boyd '62**, in September. She planned to present at the Evergreen Education Foundation's Information Technology in Education Conference in China in November, then help lead a session on research for the Library Society of China conference. She spends time with her grandchildren, sons, and daughter-in-law, and keeps in

touch with **Diane Coptly Fadely** and **Felicity Hallanan**.

Agnes “Missy” Bush Shives said **Sandra Fields Seymour** died in October, after a three-month battle with cancer. Sandra attended Mary Washington for two years before transferring to the U.Va. School of Nursing. She earned her Ph.D. in nursing from Florida State University, taught 35 years at the University of Florida College of Nursing, and worked as a nurse practitioner. She is survived by husband Larry, daughter Amy, brother Michael, and many friends.

Janice Helvey Robinson welcomed her fourth grandchild, first grandson. All live in the Atlanta area, so they see them often. They spent three weeks in Europe, cruising from Lisbon to Rome, a week in southern Italy, and a few days in Rome. She and Rob are in good health except that Rob had surgery for carpal tunnel in his right wrist and might need surgery in his left shoulder. Schlepping luggage did a number on him, and he declares this was his last trip out of the country! Janice is busy with grandkids, church, choir, bridge, the gym, movies, and crossword puzzles. **Linda Basheer Halaby** of Connecticut/Florida; **Marylee Holt Tinsley** of Washington, D.C.; **Judy Stivers Collins** of Nashua, N.H.; **Kaye Oakes Hickey** of Richmond; and **Cathy May Findley** of Atlanta had a three-day mini-reunion in D.C. in August. **Sue Woldridge Rosser**’s daughter, Anne, moved to Oshkosh, Wis., and Sue visited them in November. She also spent time with **Carolyn Shockey Moore** in Lexington, Ken.

1966

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Barbara Bishop Mann and husband Robert spent three weeks in the national parks of the Northwest and in the Canadian Rockies. They traveled to Victoria, had dinner in Seattle with Roger and **Ryan Stewart Davis**, and visited relatives in Vancouver. While on vacation, Barbara read *Teaching 2030*, written by a group of teachers from all over the country, and afterward attended an educational

Ad Man Takes Station Art Deco

When **John Anstey ’93** told people he planned to renovate a boarded up 1950s gas station into the headquarters for his Roanoke advertising firm, he received one of two reactions.

“They would either say ‘You’re crazy’ or ‘You’re a visionary,’” Anstey said with a chuckle. “And there were various points along the process where I had both feelings.”

Anstey has always loved old buildings. But the idea for the dramatic transformation from dilapidated gas station to art deco office space likely had its beginnings in an elective class the English major took at Mary Washington.

That historic preservation class, taught by Associate Professor Gary Stanton, piqued Anstey’s interest in preserving the past.

The textbook featured a former gas station that had been converted into a visitors center. “That was probably in the back of my mind during this whole process,” Anstey said.

The building transformation took about six months once construction began. Before the first brick was moved, though, Anstey worked with an architect and a historic preservation consultant on planning. An engineer certified that the site was environmentally safe.

The character-rich building was a bustling Schneider’s Sunoco service station in its heyday of 1950 to 1956. It was home to OK Rubber Tire Station for the next 30 years, and was briefly a car care service in the 1980s. The building then fell into such disrepair locals knew it as an eyesore as they exited



A photo of a repurposed gas station he saw in a historic preservation textbook stayed in John Anstey’s mind as he transformed a crumbling service station into an art deco advertising firm office. The theme continues on the Anstey Hodge website, where employees sport blue work shirts with name patches, and Anstey is identified as “Service Station Manager.”

the expressway toward downtown Roanoke.

Anstey faced one big renovation challenge: bathrooms. The building still had 1950s-era service station restrooms, accessible only from outside. Fashioning more traditional facilities meant cutting through concrete walls and closing the outside entrances.

The floor of the service station had different levels because of service bays, so some concrete floors were repoured to bring the building up to modern code.

One late summer afternoon, about halfway through the renovation project, Anstey had a moment of fear. About 40 percent of the building’s back wall had been torn down, and he could see the Roanoke skyline through the gaping hole.

“I remember being worried and thinking, ‘This is all going to come together, right?’”

Anstey’s wife, **Kara Matala ’94**, a family physician, had encouraged him to take on the renovation. Each day during construction, the couple brought their daughters, Anna and Charlotte, to see the progress. They took photos of the girls standing on rocks at the site, giant holes in the building behind them.

Because the project preserved the historic integrity of the building — keeping such features as roll-up doors, concrete floors, and porcelain panel façade — it qualified for state and federal historic tax credits. The Roanoke Valley Preservation Society presented Anstey Hodge Advertising Group with an adaptive reuse award for repurposing the space.

“I always saw the potential, even with the roof falling in,” Anstey said, “that it had much promise to be raised from the ashes.”

— Donya Currie



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conference discussion in Washington, D.C., about how the teaching profession might evolve by 2030. Bobbi attended homecoming at UMW's new College of Education, for which she attended an advisory board meeting with **Donna Sheehan Gladis '68**. Bobbi and Robert saw the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' Chihuly glass exhibit. Bobbi enjoys good health and takes yoga classes, where she sees **Eleanor McJilton Thompson**.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and husband Charlie were vacationing at The Homestead in July, when Mary Kathryn decided to try riding a Segway. That resulted in a shattered leg, eight days in the hospital, and months of rehab, healing, and therapy. Charlie had to learn how to go to the commissary, run the dishwasher, and do laundry. By October, Mary Kathryn was walking with crutches and driving. While she was in the hospital, the director of admissions "just had to meet the 68-year-old lady who broke her leg riding a Segway." Charlie and Mary Kathryn planned again to spend January and February golfing and socializing in Naples, Fla.

Joan Cuccias Patton loves retirement and took a cruise from Montreal to Boston with her siblings and their spouses, honoring a tradition of getting together started by their parents. Joan went to Massanutten, Va., with **Linda Glynn Hutchinson** and **Pat Lewars Pace**. Joan and **Lee Enos Kelley** drove to Skyline Drive and stayed at Skyland Resort. Joan and her New England friends made their annual fall trip, this time to Martha's Vineyard; Newport, where Joan lived as a child; and West Point. She had a weekend getaway in November in Las Vegas with her sons. Joan subs at her old high school and loves to "just teach" and leave.

Anne Meade Claggett tried to get Bobbi to organize another Mary Washington Lunch Bunch gathering in November, but it was too close to the election, so sights were set on spring. **Dee Nottingham Ward** still works on tax returns but took a break in June to attend her 50th high

school reunion in Richmond, visiting with classmates, including **Jana Privette Usry**.

Pam Kearney Patrick was having construction in her kitchen and enjoyed her 50th high school reunion. She continues her art shows and sold some watercolors. She was an exhibitor at the Miniature Painters, Sculptors, and Gravers international art show. She, **Carol Bingley Wiley**, and **Pam Hughes Ward** were trying to get together for dinner. **Sandra Hutchison Schanné** and Richard converted their garage into a dining room, expanded the kitchen, and built a photographic studio for Richard and a large shed in the back. Son Ricky, a landscaper, redesigned the

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side yard. Sandra hosted all the children and grandchildren for the holidays. Ricky, Monica, and family live nearby; Amy and Shawn came from Denver with their 3-year-old son and 14-month-old twins; and Brandon and Allison plus three came from Texas. It was the first time the entire family had gotten together since Brandon and Allison moved back from their five-year stay in Croatia.

Marty Spigel Sedoff was active during the campaign season with Minnesotans United for All Families' attempt to defeat the marriage amendment. She joined the Minneapolis chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and got involved with chairing the technology and directory committees. Marty joined 17 women on a September AAUW trip to Europe. They toured Vienna, Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, and Prague. Marty serves on the Edina High School (EHS) Thespian Boosters board, supports the theater program, coordinates trips for theater students, and has traveled annually with the group since 2003. Husband Bob designs and builds sets for Edina's high school and middle school plays. Son John Riedlinger is a local actor who was to direct the

EHS winter play, *On the Razzle*, and is the voice in TV ads for Beneful dog food. Son Jim lives in Wisconsin. Marty takes tap dance classes, entertains in nursing homes, and serves on a board for adult education in Edina.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley and husband Bill of Florida went to Ginny's 50th reunion at Washington and Lee High School in Arlington, Va., in October and stayed with **Mary Grace Wright Day**. Also at the reunion were **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Carol Bingley Wiley**, and **Lindy Minnick**, who was at Mary Washington for three years. Ginny and Bill went to Deep Creek, Md., to investigate the sites of action in Ginny's book, *Earth Quest*, available on Amazon. They journeyed into the hills of Virginia to research Ginny's ancestors' homes, locating her family's

five old homesteads, dating from the early 1800s, and had lunch in Fredericksburg.

Terry Caruthers of North Carolina took a summer vacation with her clan on Bald Head Island, S.C., and attended her 50th high school reunion in Monterey, Va. She and her husband cruised to Italy, Spain, Morocco, and Portugal, and spent a few days on their own in honor of their 45th anniversary.

The "MWC Fab Four" suitmates gathered at **Julie Bondurant Freeman's** Summerville, S.C., home in September. **Carol Pettigrew Hallman**, **Prentiss Davies Murphy**, and **Sally Albrecht Brennan** met in Emporia, Va., and carpooled. They toured the Ashley River plantations and the Charleston Museum, lunched on Kiawah Island, and enjoyed the special Frogmore Stew that Julie's husband, Bill, makes.

Betsy Chappellear Tryon of Redondo Beach, Calif., daughter Maureen, and granddaughter Maddy, 11, spent time in Seattle in August, then took an Alaskan cruise, seeing ice floes and spending an afternoon panning for gold. Betsy joined cousin Kathy in San Francisco in September. They spent time in Petaluma and Bodega Bay, and

attended Kathy's brother's third wedding in Santa Rosa. Betsy has a meet-and-greet job at LAX and helped launch Maddy, who's already only an inch shorter than she is, into middle school. **Yvonne March** of Tampa spends time with Chris, family, and her grandson. She toured Italy in July with a friend, spending time in Sorrento and Naples, and visiting relatives in Sicily.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo and **Kathleen Goddard Moss** spent most of the summer and fall assisting their 91- and 93-year-old parents, who celebrated their 70th anniversary in July. Soon afterward, Mr. Goddard passed away. Eileen enjoys her grandchildren, and in July, the family welcomed Benjamin Geoffrey Roth, Liz and Chris' first child and the ninth Albrigo grandchild. Eileen and John's children's families are all in Northern Virginia, and they gather frequently.

Katharine Rogers Lavery tutored high school math students (mostly grandkids), played her horn at church, supported activities with the Pentagon Sailing Club, bowled in senior leagues, served on the vestry at St. John's in Centreville, Va., and agreed to chair the church's winter gala. Summer included the usual Nags Head, N.C., beach vacation with most of the family and several extended celebrations of husband Hank's 80th birthday. Hank and Katharine took a September road trip through North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, visiting friends and relatives, and spending two days in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1967

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Barbara Barry of Marlborough, Mass., has grown daughters Pamela, a computer games graphic designer, and Elisa, a speech therapist. Each is married and has a child, Samara Mae and Jaxon Kai. Barbara, a software engineering manager for Raytheon Company, loves literature, especially fiction. She's an avid gardener and is active with her condominium association.



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Nancy Legat, who writes and gardens, and husband Dan of Lexington, S.C., are retired and active in their church. They have seven grandchildren and five “granddogs.” They were expecting their first great-grandchild in May.

1968

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There was an interesting article in the spring 2012 issue of *UMW Magazine* on physical therapist **Roberta Ann Newton**, an internationally recognized leader in fall prevention for older adults. Roberta received the American Physical Therapy Association's highest honor, the Catherine Worthingham Fellow award, and recently retired as a clinical professor of medicine at Temple University in Philadelphia. She lives in Greensboro, N.C., where she gardens, dances, and does tai chi. She also teaches an online course, writes and reviews manuscripts, and helps former students with their projects. Congratulations on an outstanding career!

Our hearts go out to classmates whose homes suffered damage during Superstorm Sandy in October. No damage was done to the apartment of **Linda Huff Alderson** and husband Sandy of Manhattan, but their daughter and her family, who live in New Jersey, lost power and stayed with them. **Barbara Marks Poppleton's** Jersey Shore home wasn't damaged.

Kaye Weinstein Gary '70 is the artistic director for K Dance in Richmond and was featured on the radio last October promoting *Yes! Dance Invitational* at the Firehouse Theatre Project.

Last October **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner** moved her 95-year-old mother, who's still quite independent, from her Nashville, Tenn., condo to a smaller apartment with more amenities. Bonnie is still a CPA in Northern Virginia, but the 2013 tax season was to be her last. She wants more time for family, especially grandchildren. Bonnie and husband Roger visited with Linda and Sandy Alderson at a Nationals baseball game in August and planned a January trip with friends to Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

Connie Cline Bukzin welcomed second grandson Mitxel (pronounced Mitchel) Sotelo Bukzin last July. Connie retired from teaching and takes cooking classes. She and husband Mitchell enjoy fine wine and attend wine tastings, including one last April, when they visited Argentina and Chile. **Jane Jackson Woerner** of Florida retired after 22 years as a sales representative for Plasco ID and stays busier than ever. She often visits her mother, who's in assisted living in Bristol, Va.

Iris Harrell completed her Wilderness Connection experience in Lake Tahoe National Forest last July with 23 other Silicon Valley executives, who spent a week in cabins and tents. The goal was to learn how to be better leaders and include the entire community in efforts to shape and embrace the future.

Iris returned personally renewed and more intensely committed to protecting our natural surroundings. She, **Phyllis Newby Thompson**, and **Suzanne McCarthy VanNess** had an August lunch in California, where they all live, with Donna Gray Mejia, UMW's Director of Leadership Giving and Corporate/Foundation Relations. In September, Suzanne visited

Phyllis at her home in Hawaii, and Suzanne's family welcomed new granddaughter Castellini.

Patti Boise Kemp was invited to speak at the rededication of the newly refurbished

Mason and Randolph halls in September. She spoke of her memories of living in Mason in the '60s and reminisced about how different the dorms, now called residence halls, and campus life were then. **Karen Kilgore Ralston** visited Germany, France, and Italy in September with husband Jim and saw *The Last Supper* in Milan. Karen still volunteers with the Victorian Village in Memphis, Tenn., and has won many awards for the millinery work she does for the local theater.

While visiting family last summer in Virginia and Maryland, **Mary Pat Tull Jenkins** spent two nights with suitemate **Mary Kneip Tyrrell** and husband Bob, and Mary Pat's roommate, **Ann Rayburn Curry**, and husband Duncan joined

Dianne Friedhoff Blais '73 ran for a Virginia House of Delegates seat in November 2011 and got more than 25 percent of the vote.

them for dinner. The Tyrrells visited Mary Pat and husband Gordon's California home last spring while on a West Coast trip. Mary Pat, Ann, and Mary hadn't seen each other since the '70s.

Nancy Yeager Allard of Springfield, Va., is retired. She and Paul traveled to France in September for their 40th anniversary. Nancy volunteers

with the local friends-of-the-library group and spends time with her two grandchildren.

I, **Linda Marett Disosway**, took a three-week trip to China in September with friends, hitting highlights, including Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the Yangtze River. It was humbling to see sites that have existed for thousands of years.

By the time you read these notes, Christmas will have come and gone. Get out those Christmas letters from classmates and send me an email with all the news. Thanks!

1970

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Gaye Gregory Elliott is enjoying retirement. She and husband Stephen live in Richmond, Va., and last September they drove up the Maine coast. **Kaye Weinstein Gary** is the artistic director for K Dance in Richmond and was featured on the radio last October promoting *Yes! Dance Invitational* at the Firehouse Theatre Project.

Deborah Blythe Weise lives in Elizabethtown, Ky., with husband Jim. Deborah is active in church, president of the Garden Club, and a board member of the Brown-Pusey House. Son Craig graduated from law school and lives in New Zealand with his wife and four children. Daughter **Courtney Weise Santonicola '96** was the MWC Young Alum of the Year in 2007, when she was the deputy chief of staff for the Peace Corps. She and her husband expected their third child in January.

Ted and I were heartbroken to have to put down our beloved Snoopy last Labor Day. She came to us as a stray puppy in July 1999. We were just recovering from her loss when my dad was hospitalized. He passed away peacefully on Oct. 23.

1971

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1972

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Dennis and I had a wonderful visit with Dave and **Cheryl Prietz**. Now that their Colonial re-enactments are over for the season, they're catching up on home projects and taking the boat out. Son Alex works for a radio station, and daughter Thea and her husband are enjoying St. Louis.

I have had many delightful conversations with **Norah Heckman '73**. She plans to move to the Rock Creek Park area.

My job at Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber continues at a fast pace. We planned to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas in Roanoke with my mom.

1973

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We enjoyed time with our grandchildren and took a couple of trips over the summer. I particularly enjoyed Oshkosh, Wis., and the annual AirVenture, where we met two of the original Tuskegee Airmen. The summer ended with a trip to Myrtle Beach for a weeklong celebration of a "significant" birthday of **Carolyn Collins Vass '69**. My sister, **Grace Hines Sorey '70**, and her husband traveled to Sri Lanka in August to visit their daughter, there on assignment with USAID.

This fall I was asked to fill in for our regular organist at St. Peter's. I continue to play piano but hadn't played the organ since my Mary Washington days. I took organ lessons freshman year from Jean Edson. I now have a renewed passion for organ and have been asked to play again.

Dianne Friedhoff Blais writes, "Since I skipped a year at MWC, I feel I don't really belong in your class, but I do." Dianne ran for a Virginia House of Delegates seat in November 2011 and got over 25 percent of the vote.

Andrea "Andy" Sosnowski Coyle writes that she and longtime friends **Carol Maupai Dunham**, **Nancy Parham Katz**, and **Janne Frost Arceo** still get together. Seems that the friendships forged on Willard third front are still going strong.

Janet Hedrick has returned to Alexandria and will continue to work with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center as Eastern regional development manager. Janet and **Sharon Richmond Janis** will work on our 40th reunion.

Do you have a story about something good you can attribute to your education or years at UMW? Please share.

1974

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1975

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Al Brewster is president of Battle-Buddies, a nonprofit that helps military veterans overcome barriers to health care, work access, and educational opportunities as they reintegrate to civilian life. Al continues to sail competitively. Al's youngest, now 17, is checking out colleges including Mary Washington. His oldest son continues to practice law in L.A., and his first grandson will soon turn 2. Last August, Al spent 10 days providing psychosocial first aid in and around Kabul, Afghanistan, in response to the murders of three contractors.

Pat Barnhardt lives at Woodberry Forest School, a prep school for boys, about 45 minutes north of Charlottesville. Pat has been there for 32 years. Her husband teaches English, and she's assistant head at a small independent elementary school in Orange. Pat's son is married and a lawyer in Charlottesville. Her daughter is finishing art school in Portland, Ore. Pat hasn't been on the UMW campus for a long time, but she takes at least two pilgrimages to Carl's each year.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright writes that she doesn't have a new FEMA deployment – for now. After her last deployment, Betsy came back with health problems. Diet and exercise, including

bicycling, have made a difference. She planned to become active in the FEMA deployment database again near the end of 2012. Betsy assists with an ESL ministry and the 5-year-olds' music choir at her church.

Jackie Ewansky Bryan is enjoying her fourth year as an assistant professor/reference and instruction librarian at Saint Leo University in Florida. She has presented at library conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals. Jackie is secretary and board member of the Florida Dance Education Organization. Husband Rich will retire in May after 31 years as a psychology professor at Saint Leo. Older son Richie graduated from the University of Central Florida and is a graphic designer in Tampa. Younger son Eric will graduate from the University of Florida in May with a degree in English. Before traveling to Switzerland last summer, Jackie and Rich visited with **Kathy Magyar Lutte '75** and husband Eddie, who live in Bethlehem, Pa.

Joanne "Jody" Rehm writes that she was diagnosed last spring with a recurrence of breast cancer after 12 years cancer-free. She decided to walk in her fifth Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Her sister, **Mary Jane Rehm**

Sisters **Joanne "Jody" Rehm '75** and **Mary Jane Rehm Percy '71** walked 40 miles over two days in Charlotte, N.C., in an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Percy '71, came from San Diego to walk with her for 40 miles over two days in Charlotte, N.C. Jody's son returned to the D.C. area last fall after completing a master's degree in human behavior at USC in Los Angeles. Jody is training director for Genworth Financial in Raleigh and loves her work and the quality of life in the Triangle.

My husband, Gene, and I relocated last fall to Pinehurst, N.C. By the time you read this issue, I will have become grandmother to a lovely granddaughter in December, compliments of son Ian and his

lovely wife. I planned to fly to the San Francisco area to help with the newest family member.

It was great to receive all the news for this issue.

1976

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Cathy Colbert and **Candy Rossell Baunsgard** attended the Superior, Mont., rodeo last summer. Candy's son took third place in the wild cow milking competition. Candy's daughter and son-in-law own and operate Pangaea Expeditions in Superior. **Carolyn Roberts** and **Lucy Dee Kinsey** met in D.C. in the fall to participate in the National Walk to End Alzheimer's. They walk every year, since both of their mothers have struggled with the illness.

Melissa Mann lives in New Hampshire and has taught school in the Northeast for the past 25 years. She received a master's degree as a reading specialist and returned to the classroom to teach kindergarten. She is the worthy matron of her Eastern Star chapter, president of the young women's organization at her church, and director of a drama group at her school. She has written and directed 12 plays over seven years. Last year she played Marilla Cuthbert in *Anne of Green Gables*. She has four children, three grandchildren, and an Italian greyhound.

Susan Stimpfle took a break from freelance writing to work on the Obama re-election campaign. She knocked on doors and phoned voters, which was exhausting but rewarding. **Judy Martens Staples** moved back to Houston three years ago after living in Cincinnati for 16 years. She has been married to Keith for 27 years. Their son, Kyle, is and graduated from Texas State, their middle son is Shawn, and their youngest, Katy, is a college junior. Judy is an ER nurse and thinks she will still be working when she's 70, with orthopedic shoes on. She frequently visits her 90-year-old mother in San Antonio.



Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

Material received by	Appears in
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER
NOVEMBER 15	SPRING
MARCH 15	SUMMER

Helen Taylor Salter is in Colorado and has had some good visits with **Alison Haworth Regan**. Alison does needlepoint on commission. Helen also stays in touch with **Judy Clark Hays**, whose son, William, is in dental school in Baltimore and daughter, Hannah, is in optometry school in Chicago. Helen and family are planning a visit to the D.C. area for the 150th re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Suzanne Hawkins Stephens lives in Georgia and operates her church organ via computer on Sundays. Daughter Linda attends Georgia Southern University, placed 13th in the U.S. Collegiate Archery Championships, and won USCA's All American Award. She hopes to gain a spot on the 2016 Olympic Archery Team. Daughter Emily is a high school senior. Suzanne and husband Jack coach 4-H archery.

From Texas, **Beverley Condrey Berry** writes that she does mineral rights investigation and leasing in the Permian Basin oil and gas fields of West Texas. She claims that Professor Gouger didn't give her a heads-up on the possibility of her geography major translating into a career as a petroleum "landman." She enjoys trail riding and showing her horses. Beverley also enjoys genealogical research and has found that her father's family settled in Chesterfield County, Va., in 1751.

Debbie Daniels Sagmiller lives in Maryland and reported that son Robert was married in South Carolina in 2011.

1977

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Rob Hall and I continue our lives in Saltville, Va., where Rob is chief of police. I teach yoga classes. I have enjoyed reconnecting with high school and college friends since moving back to Virginia two years ago. Rob and I went to the 25th Virginia Film Festival, held in Charlottesville last November. We were guests of former Mary Washington education professor Jacki Vawter and husband Rod, and stayed at their cabin in Crozet.

Richard Arline was re-elected Nov. 6, 2012, to a three-year term on the Franklin Township School Board of Education in Somerset, N.J. Of five candidates vying to fill three seats, he received the most votes, 10,333.

Laura Baker and husband Geoff are living in Orlando, Fla. Laura is a photographer at the Magic Kingdom and has a blast creating

Pat Seyller '77 was costumer for a production of *La Bohème* at the Royal Opera in Muscat, Oman.

magic memories for happy little vacationers. She and Geoff enjoy the simple life in their RV and travel mostly regionally. They also had a great time at our 35th reunion, with their rig parked at the Tennis Center.

Emily Alfriend Wilson, working for Telamon Corp. on the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, is finally able to put her graduate degrees (MSW and MBA) to work. She manages programs that help the homeless gain temporary housing while they learn skills to become self-sufficient. Emily and husband Mark celebrated their 35th anniversary this past June, and son Justin and his wife welcomed their first child in February. Son Alex is a student at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Pat Seyller was in Oman for two weeks last November as costumer for *La Bohème* with the Castleton Festival, a new opera company in Rappahannock County, Va. The company performed at the Royal Opera in Muscat. She visited the desert and learned about a Bedouin lifestyle that has rapidly changed

since the sultan Qaboos came into power in the 1970s. She saw much of the city of Muscat – the grand mosque, the sultan's palace, ancient forts built to stop invaders, and the old market. She haggled for frankincense and myrrh, scarves and trinkets.

Emily Cole continues to work part time at her church and volunteers her gardening skills at a library in Alexandria, Va. She's been studying tai chi, and she and husband Larry went to China last November for two weeks. Em's nephew, **Andy Cole**, graduated from UMW with the Class of 2012.

1978

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Carol Middlebrook said she and husband John are scheduled to take a walking trip in the Italian Lakes region in April. Carol was also looking forward to seeing brother **John Middlebrook '82** and his family over the holidays. John moved to Bali, Indonesia, with his wife and youngest daughter and opened a guesthouse in Sanur.

I can also add that my sister, **Patricia Goliash Andril '80**, is part of the Northern Virginia Art Center in Crystal City. Patty is my dentist sister turned artist.

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Katie Kulp Jones hosted a mini-reunion in September. Katie runs a middle school media center in Roanoke. She has two daughters in town and one in Richmond. **Ellen Stanley Booth** enjoyed summer "vacation" and has resumed her job search. **Pam Clapp Hinkle** works at MBL in Woods Hole, Mass., and her duties have expanded to include communication and development. Son Ian is 11. **Katrina Ray Landis**

is CEO of BP Alternative Energy. She and **Bobbie Dwyer Leon**, who teaches math in Ellicott City, Md., participated in the Sea Gull Metric Century bike ride. **Colleen McCahill Turley** and husband **David Turley** live in Fredericksburg with son Nolan, 16. **Patty Churchill Shippee** has launched three of her four children, the oldest a Naval Academy graduate who serves on a nuclear sub. **Elisa Devorshak Harvey** and son Alex compete in equine events in Maryland, while son Duncan is at sea for a semester. **Babette Thorpe** and her husband work in Idaho on land conservation and management issues. They missed **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick**, still a third-grade teacher in Fairfax, Va., and **Karen Snyder Boff**, who works at Cobb County Transportation Department in Atlanta.

I am the corrections technical director at the Navy brig in San Diego. My son is a freshman at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia; my daughter is a high school sophomore. We traveled to Italy in June and visited Italian relatives and the town where my grandfather grew up.

1982

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Tom and I are empty nesters, with our youngest at Vassar. Our oldest graduated from Yale and teaches high school math in New Haven. Our middle son is a sophomore at Tufts. Tom took a job in October at AmeriHealth Mercy in Philadelphia, so we're commuting among Louisville, Philadelphia, and Fort Lauderdale, where we have a beach condo. On a sad note, my beloved father passed away in October.

Robin Maurice Wedewer says her market research business survived the recession. Her family lives in southern Maryland, gardens, farms hay, and keeps pet chickens. Husband Harry is an attorney in Washington. Son Benjamin graduated from The Citadel and planned to start Navy pilot training.

1984

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Jeff Schatz lives in Vienna, Va., with his daughter, a high school freshman. Jeff earned his MBA from George Mason and is a personal financial planner in a small Vienna practice. Jeff's niece, **Jessica Schatz '09**, completed her degree with the help of the **Marilyn Mead Burke '48** and William J. Burke Washington Scholarships, and is a teacher in the Fredericksburg area.

Kent Rice and wife Karen recently celebrated their 20th anniversary. Their daughters are 16 and 13. Kent is a pastor in Pennsylvania and writes devotional messages for his church website.

Kim Slayton White and Dave are celebrating their 20th anniversary. Kids Hampton and Katherine keep them busy. In August, Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed Kim as a judge for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Virginia.

Janet Dawson Bhagat and Rahoul recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They live in New Hampshire and have a 13-year-old son and 19- and 22-year-old daughters.

Liz Stamoulis Via-Gossman lives in Manassas and is the city's community and economic development director. Liz is working on a doctorate in community and economic planning at Virginia Tech's Alexandria campus. Daughter Stephanie is a high school freshman, and son Danny is in middle school.

Ivonne Cotto Steffens lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., with husband Lou, son Louie, and daughter Christina. She is an independent human resources consultant and recently finished a project with Booz Allen in D.C. Ivonne earned her MBA at the University of Maryland. A fond college memory was meeting writer Carlos Fuentes, who died last year.

Couple Stays Up In the Air



Mark Pieklo and Laura Smith are Boy Throws Girl, an aerial act they performed for years with the French Cirque Plume. Last year, the couple left the contemporary circus to join English dance company Tilted Productions, which tours the United Kingdom and France. They live in a renovated 1850s church in Cévennes, France, with their twin toddlers.

After years as a circus acrobat, **Mark Pieklo '94** still feels the pressures of putting on a show – the glare of the spotlight, the eyes of the crowd, the need to nail every performance.

"Imagine all that, only you have to do backflips at the same time," said Pieklo, a longtime aerialist with the French contemporary circus Cirque Plume.

In Boy Throws Girl, the act he performs with his wife, Laura Smith, Pieklo must climb to a perch high above the circus floor, toss a somersaulting Smith into the air, and catch her again. And they do it all without safety lines.

Taking chances comes naturally for Pieklo. He earned a bachelor's degree in math from Mary Washington but bypassed a conventional career, opting instead to audition for the National Circus School in Montreal. Two decades later, he's still flipping, twisting, and bouncing his way into audience members' hearts. But to realize his dream, Pieklo – now 41 and the father of twin toddlers – would turn once again to his alma mater.

Growing up, Pieklo spent winters with his mother in Falls Church, Va., and summers

with his father in Hawaii, where he went to community college. He transferred to Mary Washington, lured by the liberal arts.

"The way you got to take a bunch of different classes was really nice, and I liked that Fredericksburg was a small town," said Pieklo, who worked for a while as a cook at Sammy T's restaurant.

That first post-graduation circus-school audition called for five minutes of juggling, which Pieklo had picked up in high school, but it was heavy on gymnastics, theatrics, and dance.

"The only part I had done was the five-minute part," he said.

Undaunted, he teamed up with a gymnastics coach, re-enrolled at Mary Washington – this time in theater and dance classes – and aced tryouts the following year.

Like Canadian counterpart Cirque du Soleil, Cirque Plume cuts animals out of the act, relying on acrobats, trapeze artists, jugglers, and gymnasts to convey stories or themes to audiences. While Cirque du Soleil flaunts fancy costumes and throngs of performers, Cirque Plume focuses on artists and features far smaller casts. (*L'Atelier du Peintre*, or *The Painter's Studio*, which ran through December, included just 13 people.)

"It's like comparing a small art film with a big-budget Hollywood blockbuster," said Pieklo, who practices with Smith on a trampoline they installed in their home, a renovated 1850s church in Cévennes, France.

Late last year, the couple took a detour, leaving Cirque Plume to tour with England's Tilted Productions. The new company blends performance art with contemporary dance and lets Pieklo keep whisking spectators into fantasylands of beauty, intrigue, and danger.

"The important part is not doing tricks, it's sharing something with the public.

"When you're on stage, you have an opportunity to interact with people that you'd never have otherwise," he said. "It gives you a license to make them cry and laugh."

– Lisa Chinn '92



Gayle Greenwood Whitlock lives in Northern Virginia and participates in UMW College of Business activities. Her company hired its first UMW intern this summer.

My family and I live in Madison, Wis. It's nice to have a place to call "home" after moving 13 times in 25 years of marriage. My husband retired from the Navy, our son graduated from college, and our daughter is a college senior. I work at a high school with English language learning students.

1986

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Tracy Greener married Jeff Cunningham in November and honeymooned in Costa Rica.

Irene Thomaidis married Curry Roberts in a desert sunset service in Carefree, Ariz., honeymooned on an adobe ranch, and traveled historic Route 66. Irene's twins, Stephen and Electra, are 5.

Jocelyn Piccone and husband Kirk have moved to Midland, Texas, where Jocelyn is an executive at Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center. Jocelyn ran the 120-mile Trans Rockies stage race in August, tent camping each night. **Mina Holden Horn**, **Brenda Thier Evans**, and **Lisa Harvey** had fun at the Patriots-Ravens game in Baltimore.

Condolences to **Lori Brubaker**, who lost her father in 2011.

1987

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From Kim: In June 2012, Ken and I celebrated 19 years of marriage, and this May we will start our 17th year with our computer repair business. We've traveled recently for radio-controlled flying events. I continue to practice yoga and have turned our third bedroom into a yoga room.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin and the Live Social Arena team toured from New York to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last year. Jane Ellen and a

colleague did Google+ Hangouts from the red carpet of the American Country Awards. Jane and Jim have two grade-school-age daughters, Anna Grace and Jenna.

Sara Marple Piehler shares that daughter Jill graduated from high school in West Seneca, N.Y.

Toni Moore
Milbourne is editor of *The Shepherdstown Chronicle* in West Virginia. Daughter Polly is at Fairmont State University; daughters Maggie and Samantha are in middle school; and son Allen is working. Toni and husband Tom recently traveled to London with family.

1988

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Jay Comfort and wife Lara welcomed daughter Zoe Ilsa Stewart Comfort in June 2011. Zoe's brother, Grayson, is 8. Jay is director of culinary operations for Lebanese Taverna Enterprise. He has a consulting group, InFOOD Partners, and is the proprietor of Iron Horse Restaurant in Ashland, Va.

Greg Wassenberg shared the news of the passing of his wife, **Amy Lynn Cassidy Wassenberg**. Amy lost her second battle with cancer on Sept. 7, 2012.

1991

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Ben Kramer received a doctorate in community college leadership from Old Dominion University last May. Son Charles graduated from high school and left for

basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Daughter Candace is a sophomore at Christiansburg High. Ben and wife Sherry celebrated their 19th anniversary.

Charles "Charlie" Gullo and wife Yen live in Singapore with son Charlie Massimo Gullo, who turned 1 on Oct. 6. Charlie is a faculty member of the Duke-

Jocelyn Piccone '86 of Midland, Texas, ran the 120-mile Trans Rockies stage race in August, camping each night.

NUS Graduate Medical School and assists a new medical school in Singapore with team-based learning. Charlie keeps in contact with **Bill Donovan**, **Mark Gilliat**, **Kelli Miller** and others.

Mason "Bill" Donovan lives in New Hampshire. He's a managing partner of the Dagoba Group and co-authored *The Inclusion Dividend: Why Investing in Diversity & Inclusion Pays Off* (Bibliomotion 2013).

Nicole LaPorte Parker and family live in Grimsby, Ontario, where they have become permanent residents on the way to dual citizenship. Children Chase and Emma are in second grade.

1992

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Tom and I have traveled quite a bit this year, but a highlight was to my sister's October wedding in Lexington, Va., where we had married 13 years earlier.

In November I attended the UMW Alumni Relations reception and chatted with **Cindy Snyder '75**, **Suzy Passarello Quenzer '74**, **Cynthia Williamson '81**, **Mary Smith Judd '85**, **Stephen Gregg '08**, and **Donna Webber '08**.

Edna Coste Borchetta, husband Gene, son Christian, and daughter Carriella lost power for a week during Superstorm Sandy, but helped fill a truck with supplies for harder-hit storm victims in Staten Island, N.Y. Edna wrote that she planned a visit with **Suzy Cole Ferger**, **Amy Morgen Liebert**, **Jennifer Peterson Riggle '93**, **Amy Larsen DeCarlo '94**, and **Nicole Rich**

Leona, who transferred from MWC in '91.

Christine Harrison Grant is director of major gifts for Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina, which covers 49 counties. In June, she earned the certified fundraising executive designation. She's on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Tevin Chaney is wrapping up his graduate degree in geospatial information sciences. **Mary**

Ann McDonald '91 is moving back to Virginia from Texas so she and Tevin can be closer and to help her change careers from corporate sales to nonprofit fundraising. Tevin got together with **Anne Thompson Mendez**, **Libby Johnston Ross**, **Rene Rios '91**, and others. Rene (married to **Sonya Snider Rios '91**) works at XM Sirius Satellite Radio after many years at AOL. **Mike Nelson** is director of enterprise program management for Copper River Information Technologies in Chantilly.

Jarrod Anthony Epps lives in Prague. Jarrod and his wife welcomed twin boys in September. Jarrod's website just got its UK gambling license.

Lisa Meadows Foulds '91, husband **Eric Foulds '89**, and children Billy, 14, and Grace, 11, live in Richmond, Va. Lisa runs a day care in their home. Eric works from home for the state.

Brady Chapman and others met in Fredericksburg in October for **Brian Bodson's** wedding. **Jay McNamara**, **Drew White**, **Blake Parker**, **Scott** and **Libby Johnston Ross**, **Michelle Lesko Parker '91**, **Mike Smith '91**, and **Mannin Dodd** were there. They ran into **Eric Mink** at a downtown bar.

David Whitaker was to be sworn in as a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives on Jan. 14. He has been elected assistant minority whip.

Elizabeth Jean Eastwood Mendez died Oct. 11, 2012. Elizabeth attended Mary Washington College with the Class of '91 and received her bachelor's degree from George Mason University. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Juan Carlos Mendez of Arlington, Va.,

her parents, Basil and Barbara Eastwood of Round Hill, Va., and a brother.

1993

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Barbara Nelson moved back to Pennsylvania from Tempe, Ariz., two years ago and recently moved into a new apartment in Bethlehem with her two cats.

Cheryl Roberts Heuser and husband John recently got together with **Tracy Sexton Plummer** and husband Rob, but lamented the absence of **Lela J. Baldwin**. Tracy and Cheryl are optimistic that Lejai will soon visit them in Columbus, Ohio.

1994

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Heidi Ferrell Fogell and husband Mark welcomed a son, Evan Daniel, in October. **Dave DiMatteo** and wife Tiffany also have an October baby, Emory Carol. Dave is adamant that Emory will not be permitted to attend UMW, lest she meet guys like **Matt Ladenheim**, **Ben Sutton '95**, or **Dave Henderson**. After a move from Arlington, Va., to Dallas, Texas, **Amy Wood Thompson** and husband Jordan welcomed their third son, Charlie, in August. His big brothers are Eli, 5, and Isaac, 3. Before Charlie's birth, Amy reunited with **Joanna Osborne**, **Jessica Fulmer Chafin**, **Lauren Creamer Sponis**, and **Jodi Winship** in Charlotte, N.C. Lauren and husband Justin celebrated son Riley's first birthday in November.

Derek Bottcher was at Goldman Sachs in New York on business and ran into **Jamie Pizzorno** in an elevator lobby

on the 14th floor. Jamie is an executive director with Goldman Sachs in London. He is back in the U.S. every six weeks and is married to Alessandro Lunetta. Derek married Alice Yang in October at the Hillsborough Vineyards and Winery in Virginia. They honeymooned in Italy.

My family and I got together at the beach last summer with **Carrie Columbia Campbell**, husband **Jeff Campbell '97**, and their children. Carrie is mom to Cate, 8; Mason, 7; and Emma, 4. Jeff is pastor of Wayne United Methodist Church in New Jersey. My husband, Mark, and I heard him lead a service about a year ago. I celebrated my seventh year with global human resources at Bank of America. Our son, Connor, is 7 and in second grade.

Sye Smith and his wife, Pam, live in Manassas, Va., with their daughter. Sye is a corporate recruiter for Sustek Inc. in Fort Belvoir. **Corrie Henson Kelly** is a full-time doctoral student at U.Va. She and husband **Brendan '95** are parents of Beth, 13, and Jack, 10. **Jen Walker Mullins** lives in Warrenton, Va., and is completing a Ph.D. at George Mason University. She and husband Brett welcomed son Lincoln in January. Lincoln's big sisters are Tatum, 6, and Campbell, 4. **Wendy Young '97** lives in Staunton, Va., and is working part time on her doctorate while continuing her career at James Madison University.

Scott Wagner holds master's and doctoral degrees in physical therapy and has a practice in McLean, Va. He and wife Katrina have a daughter, 6, and a son, 5. The Wagners live in Falls Church. **Brenna Hall Hessler** works part time at Sibley Hospital in D.C. as the clinical nurse educator for women's and infants' services, and teaches childbirth education classes once a month through Inova Healthsource. Brenna is working on her master's in nursing. She and husband Jody have sons ages 10, 8, and 2, and a daughter, 6. **Lisa Ackerman McCrohan** works as the wellness counselor for faculty and staff at Georgetown University, maintains a private practice, teaches yoga and mindfulness, and has two

children. **Lisa Errickson Henry** and husband Kevin moved back to Fredericksburg, and Lisa is director of marketing and Health Link for Mary Washington Healthcare. They have three children. **Erika Nussen Johnson** and her husband live in Cary, N.C., with sons Kyle, 8, and Lucas, 6. Erika is the lead pelvic health physical therapist at a hospital in the UNC system and has been in health care for 14 years.

Devin Robinson and wife Elizabeth live in Midlothian, Va. They're parents of twins Rachel and Zachary, 11, and Benjamin, 8 months. Devin directs a physical therapy clinic for an orthopedic practice. **Tracy King Barrett** is in Fairfax, Va., and after 11 years as an HIV clinical research nurse, she joined the family business, real estate. She and husband Eric have two sons, Ryan, 8, and Josh, 5. Also in Northern Virginia, **Bic Nguyen DeCaro** has been in the real estate business for 12 years and is on Zillow's agent advisory board. She and her husband have a daughter, 7, and a son, 5.

New England Home Magazine named **John Day '97** one of New England's top five architects and designers under 40.

You may recall the devastating fire that took **Eileen Heffern Hairel's** home over a year ago. Eileen, her husband, and their toddler son planned to celebrate Thanksgiving in their newly rebuilt home. Eileen has expressed thanks for an outpouring of support from her Mary Washington classmates. **Kristen Dowdy Hart** recently moved to Richmond, Va., and works for the Virginia United Methodist Conference. **Barbara Pando-Behnke** continues her career with Catholic Relief Services, as a learning adviser in human resources. She lives in College Park, Md., with husband Chris and their boys, Evan, 5, and Alexander, 2. Barbara recently completed certification as an evidence-based coach from Fielding Graduate University and is setting up a private practice.

Dave Rushford grew a mustache for "Movember" and said he hoped it would not hurt his social life. **Len Ornstein '94** is a dedicated CrossFitter. He and his family live in Arizona,

where Len is pursuing national board teaching certification. **Rick Oppedisano** was hired four years ago by a venture capital group looking to turn a business around. He and two colleagues took the business from the red to being sold at a premium to an industry leader. The deal was scheduled to close in December, on his twin daughters' fourth birthday. **Rob Kirkpatrick** and wife Kristin live in Fredericksburg with sons Aaron, 5, and Reid, 2. Rob continues his career at NSWC Dahlgren, started before his Mary Washington graduation.

Also in Fredericksburg are **Janel Skipwith Donohue** and husband **Michael Donohue '98**. For seven years, Michael has run Play It Again Sports in Eagle Village. Janel is president of the Rappahannock United Way. Their children are Alexis, 10, and Evan, 7. **Rebecca Jones Soto** lives in Reston, Va., with husband Eddie and sons Cameron, 4, and Connor, 2. Rebecca is a program manager of geospatial programs. In Manassas, Va., **Angela Tweedy Gladwell** and husband Jerry have two kids, Alice, 9, and Scott, 8. Angie is director of environmental planning and historic

preservation for FEMA. **Karen Frese Coyle** has been with JPMorgan for 13 years, spending the first three in Glasgow, Scotland. She and her husband moved back to the states in 2002 and call Sandy Hook, N.J., home. Daughter Katie is 9 and son Patrick is 6.

1997

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Julie Newell Leslie recently took two trips to Germany. **Jason Terril** moved back to Virginia after a three-year assignment in Hawaii. On his way back he visited Southeast Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, Egypt, and Portugal. **Patrick Lohmeyer**, **Suzette McLoone Lohmeyer**, and their children, ages 7 and 5, live in Tbilisi, Georgia. Patrick heads a USAID development project, and Suzette owns a yoga studio.

Robin Kozic married Christopher McCann on Sept. 29. Alumni attending were MJ

Army Major Tackles Animal Diseases

As a child, **Karyn Havas '01** wanted to help sick animals the way some kids long to fight fires or put away bad guys. She thought veterinary medicine meant spending days with cuddly creatures like her pet guinea pig – not the study of diseases like brucellosis or Rift Valley fever.

Havas got a job at a dairy farm while in high school in Pennsylvania. There was nothing cuddly about it, and she loved it. After graduation, she chose to study biology at the University of Maryland and spent summers and breaks working on a horse farm and in an animal hospital. Those educational and work experiences, Havas said, solidified her desire to become a veterinarian.

Havas set goals and made plans. “I always have a plan,” she said with a laugh. After graduating from UMW, she completed Cornell Veterinary School on an Army scholarship. In 2011, she earned a Ph.D. in veterinary epidemiology from Colorado State University. Today she is a major in the Army, putting her skills and education to work at the service’s Public Health Command in Aberdeen, Md.

Havas helps educate troops and the public on diseases that can infect both animals and humans, such as West Nile virus, Ebola, and swine and avian flus. She served in Iraq in 2007, tending to service animals. In 2008, she helped devise an official training program for new Army veterinarians. For her dissertation, she spent 2½ months in the Republic of Georgia researching brucellosis, a bacterial illness humans contract by consuming unpasteurized milk from infected animals.

When a soldier died from rabies in 2011 after being bitten by a feral dog in Afghanistan, Havas was part of a sweeping campaign to educate service members about the dangers of stray animals, particularly in war zones.

When Havas contemplates her accomplishments, she thinks of Mary Washington and her role as a resident assistant. Natalie Ellis, a former assistant director of residence life, taught her how to be a good leader – to care for people and hold them accountable.

Associate Professor Dawn Bowen taught a geography class that emphasized cultural sensitivity, a lesson Havas has carried with her around the world. From Professor of Biology Rosemary Barra, she learned balance. “She



With a biology degree from Mary Washington and an unshakable affection for animals, Maj. Karyn Havas headed to veterinary school at Cornell University. Today she teaches troops about diseases that affect animals and humans.

challenged me academically. When I wasn’t up to par, she’d say, ‘What are you doing? You can do better than that,’” Havas said.

Havas remembers having second thoughts about vet school when her first loan notice arrived. Barra talked her through it.

“The thing that made the biggest difference was my relationship with professors,” Havas said. “Those relationships don’t happen at every university.”

– Kristin Davis

Figel Day, Katie O’Leary Preston, Ryan Preston, Amy Mannion, Ali McEvoy Rehm, and Peter Heatly.

Tara Bahr Brandt, Kimberly Wenzel Lennox, and Molly Chisholm Payne ran the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon together in October. Tara and husband Ben welcomed their second son, Alexander, in May, joining big brother Jackson, 3. Kimberly and husband John are the parents of Patrick, 7; Ryan, 5; and Katy, 18 months. Molly and husband Neil have four children, Andrew, Timothy, Angela, and James.

Kurt Jensen wrapped up his postdoctoral research at the University of Florida and is an adjunct professor of natural sciences at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Fla. **John Day** was recognized as one of New England’s top five architects and designers under 40 by *New England Home Magazine*. JD received the award at a gala in Boston on Sept. 13, and **Malcolm McKay** and wife Sonya flew in from D.C. to attend. JD is design director and a principal at LDa Architecture and Interiors in Cambridge, Mass.

Marcie Pierson Brandriff lost her dad in January to cancer. She and husband Kevin welcomed daughter Lily Georgia in July. Lily didn’t get to meet her grandfather, but her middle name honors him.

1998

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Alyson Andrews Ramsey is director of development at Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Jefferson’s retreat home in Bedford County, Va. She and her husband have three daughters.

Jen Carter Tsimpris and her husband recently celebrated son John’s first birthday. Jen is social services manager at Cedarfield, a continuing care community in Henrico County, Va. **Josh Bacigalupi** also celebrated a son’s first birthday. John is an elementary school assistant principal in Dryden, N.Y.

Susan Foster Lane and husband **Eric Lane** still live in Charlottesville, Va., with son Parker, a second-grader. Eric is a systems coordinator for State

Farm Insurance, and Susan is clinical coordinator for the Mary D. Ainsworth Psychological Clinic at the University of Virginia. **Jenine Zimmers** started Take the Page, a business selling personalized children's books. **Wes Heuvel** lives in New Jersey and works for diabetes-care company Novo Nordisk. He participated in a diabetes run at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin while there for a conference, then traveled in Munich, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam.

Caitlin Jenkins Losh wrote from California to update us on the birth of her daughter, Edith

Louise Jenkins Losh. **Sara Leedom** is studying for an MBA at the University of Oxford. She's doing very British things like rowing for her college and drinking gallons of tea.

1999

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By the time you read this, I will have married in Atlanta, Ga., with **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** as my matron of honor.

In August, Kristin attended the wedding of nephew **Stephen Clendenin '11** to **Nikkoahk Chitty '12**. In July, **Courtney Crabill Rossi** will move to Frankfurt, Germany, with husband Pete and their children, Emma and Jack. **Brian Straight** will complete his diplomatic tour in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in April, then head to his next assignment in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He recently took a backpacking trip to Bolivia. **Caroline Stender Malone** and husband John have two kids, Ellie, 5, and Connor, 2. She is a registered nurse.

2000

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Lots of new babies to celebrate for the Class of 2000! **Olivia Synnott Landry**, her husband, and son welcomed baby Liam Bernard. The Landrys live in Stephenson, Va., and run a barbecue catering business at the Jordan Springs Market.

Last May, **Sarah Stacy Selgas**, an account director, and **Tim Selgas '97** of Philadelphia welcomed son William.

Lauren Rizzi Crawford and husband Peter live in Washington, D.C., with son Flynn Peter, born in October. Jonathan Branson proposed to **Kristin DeGraff** on a Disney cruise in October.

Christen Masaniello Bensten's Blue Egg Brown Nest furniture-

Sara Leedom '98 is studying at the University of Oxford and doing very British things like rowing and drinking gallons of tea.

refinishing business and blog offers cool, vintage finds and ideas. Christen recently posted online tutorials on her chalk paint process. Her daughter, Greta, started kindergarten this year.

Beth White Busch, husband Matt, and daughter Becca lived without power for a very long time after Hurricane Sandy, but they all are safe and sound.

Ryan Wellner of Annapolis, Md., assistant lacrosse coach and defensive and recruiting coordinator for the U.S. Naval Academy, caught up with a couple dozen fellow UMW alumni at the Navy vs. Johns Hopkins game at Navy Marine Corps Stadium.

In California, **Jasmine Commerce**, mother to 13-year-old Ella, recorded an EP of original music with Sean Watkins, formerly of Nickel Creek. Jasmine did a monthlong East Coast summer tour with singer-songwriter Rheanna Downey, and the two plan to release an album this summer.

Last fall, my husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I ran the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. Among 33,000 people, we saw **Ryan Wellner**, who was there to cheer on friends. I am training for another half marathon.

Last August, Chris and I went to the Outer Banks with his family. We wanted a portrait and hired a photographer, who, unbeknownst to me, was **Amy Davis Dixon**! Amy has a photography business in Manteo, N.C., where she lives with her husband and two children.

Last fall, Amy, **Sara Monaghan Poole**, **Julie Rakowski Marino**, **Beth Wheeler Byrd**, **Susie Jackson Bull**, **Courtney Gelardi**, and **Whitney Wallace Griffiths** had a girls' weekend in Fredericksburg. They saw the UMW pedestrian bridge and great new restaurants but were happy some things never change – like Trinkle Hall and the Caroline Street shop with wigs in the window.

Mel Sirois completed her 20th marathon in November.

Editor **Kari McGlamery Donner**, husband Rob, and son Liam, 5, live in York,

Pa. It's been more than a year since Kari's treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma, and she is healthier than ever. Last fall, she did a reading at **Liz McKeeby's** wedding and co-hosted a baby shower for **Lauren Rizzi Crawford**.

I feel honored to be your class agent. Many of you read this, but I may not have heard from you for a while, so send me an update.

2001

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If you didn't get an email or Facebook message, please check the email address the alumni office has on file for you. If you did submit news that isn't included here, please let me know by email or on the MWC Class of 2001 Facebook page.

Nikki Langston Webb and husband Hunter live in Portsmouth, Va., with daughters Taylor, 3, and Caitlyn, born in October. Nikki is the senior analytical chemist for the City of Chesapeake. **Lauren Fisher Correia** of Alexandria, Va., runs her private psychology practice and performs risk assessments for reality TV candidates. She is training for the D.C. Marathon.

Stephanie Betancourt Brady; her husband; Caleb Allan, 6; Peyton Renee, 4; and Reese Evangeline, 2, moved from Hawaii to Arizona. Stephanie is an IT-marketing specialist and her husband is training in military intelligence. She completed her first half-marathon in Hawaii and planned to complete her second in Phoenix.

Carla Villar Walby lives in Reston, Va., with husband Nathan and son Elvis, 2. A registered nurse certified in cosmetic facial injections, Carla works for a plastic surgeon. **Maryjane Wysocki** of Satellite Beach, Fla., is regional employment coordinator for the state agency for those with developmental disabilities.

Jason Roy and Lori married in July and are building a home and life together in Wilmington, N.C. Jason is nursing supervisor in a 500-bed trauma center, where he was an ICU nurse and flight paramedic.

Jennie Jarvis von Drehe of Chicago, Ill., welcomed a daughter in January 2012. She works in the DePaul University International Programs office and planned to run her first 5K in December.

Stephanie Lee Scheibe Barb manages the digital archive of the audio-visual collections at the Library of Congress Packard Campus in Culpeper, Va. She is the Orange County (Va.) Girl Scouts service unit manager.

Sara Harney Correll of Gainesville, Va., a high school counselor, her husband, and two children, Noah and Hannah, expect a third child this spring.

Monica Agudelo has Marcela, 4, and baby Caroline Lister Stambaugh. After teaching earth science for eight years in Chesapeake, Va., Monica was named 2012 high school teacher of the year. She has a new job as technology integration specialist.

Gina Clough-Leonard and husband Mike welcomed their second child, John Bentley, in September. He came three months early, but he is thriving and will soon be playing with his big sister.

Jordy Keith's work in government affairs for the Texas National Guard takes her to D.C. several times a year. She travels, plays women's flat track roller derby, and spent Thanksgiving in the Netherlands.

In September, **Ashley Beck** and **Ryan Holmes** married in Richmond, where they live, and honeymooned in Hawaii and Colorado. **Amy Leachtenauer Miller**, **Kelli Beers Cooke**, and **Angela Mills** attended the wedding.

Angela Mills and **Julia Ciarlo Hammond** are excited to serve



on the UMW Alumni Board as alumni volunteers and as advocates for all alumni.

Teresa Joerger Mannix continues as senior director of communications at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. **Claudia Matamala Lemus** will be in the Seattle, Wash., area while her husband is stationed at Fort Lewis. Their two children are in preschool, and Claudia teaches ninth- and 10th-grade biology.

Allyson Bristor and Christopher Brekke married in July at the historic T.B. Story Mansion in Bozeman, Mont., where they live. Pastor **Michael Gutzler** officiated. Other alumni at the wedding included **Kimberly Kollmann Keating**, **Bridget Geiman Dickensheets**, **Karen Slotsky**, **Claire Van Til**, **Cory Kegerise**, **Beth Schminke '03**, and **Emma Law Gutzler '02**.

Paula Snell of Quinton, Va., completed a master of divinity degree in 2011 and is beginning a career as chaplain for a senior-care facility. Her son-in-law passed away last spring, so she is grateful her daughter and granddaughters – ages 3 and 1 – live nearby so she can give them lots of much-needed extra love.

Katie Laskey-Donovan and husband Ricky Donovan of Lakewood, Ohio, welcomed daughter Roisin Helen in October. **Martine St. Germain Barre**, husband Buddy, and son Caden were joined recently by baby daughter Jaelin Marie Barre. Martine is a physical therapist in Beaufort, S.C.

Madelyn Marino hopes to a run a half marathon in each state. She completed races in Key West; Moab, Utah; Sydney, Australia; Chicago; Philadelphia; and Richmond, where she joined **Jen Amore** and **Annie Johnston**.

Virginia Green Bartlett, husband Shane, and daughter Sophia welcomed baby Ellison last fall. **Sarah Meharg** is pursuing a master's in social work at Catholic University of America. She enjoys horseback riding. Katherine Marie Winslow was born to **Kim Kelley Winslow** and **Chris Winslow** in September. Kim is senior audit manager with KPMG. Chris practices law in Midlothian and

is an adjunct professor of political science at UMW.

I still live in London and started a new job heading business development for the charities investment team at Investec Wealth & Investment. I hiked two of the three tallest peaks in Britain and hope to include the third and the next Dublin Marathon – if my knees can take it! It has now been 11 years since I took on the honor of being Class Agent. If anyone would like to help, please contact the alumni office.

Jasmine Commerce '00 recorded an EP of original music with **Sean Watkins**, formerly of Nickel Creek.

2002

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Dana Angell Puga received a master's degree in museum studies from Johns Hopkins University. While there in summer 2011, she participated in a joint venture with the University of Westminster, studying London museums.

2003

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2004

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Erin Fish Palko and husband Rodger welcomed their second son, Matthew Joseph, on Aug. 28, 2012. Big brother Scott loves helping to take care of his new brother.

2005

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Dana Ferreira and wife Joelle Gotwals welcomed a baby, Neva Janis, in May. **Mary Osing Casciano** and **Matt Casciano**

welcomed daughter Garbriella Shea in August. **Cara Stout** of Austin, Texas, is southwest regional director of admissions for Boston's Northeastern University. She is responsible for recruitment and application review in her area.

In July, **Nadia Alfred Mudder**, husband Jan, and son Jeremiah welcomed Audrey Grace to their new home in Shenzhen, China. Navigating a city with an infant, a toddler, and a frantically small knowledge of Chinese makes for interesting and memorable moments, she said. Jan teaches history and economics. Nadia plans to return to teaching English.

Abbey Meyrick married Jesse Iliff in October. A certified children's yoga teacher, Abbey has taught second and fourth grades in Annapolis, Md., since graduating from Mary Washington.

Kristen Kosinski and Jamie Moye of Vienna, Va., married in September in Arlington. **Lauren Drennen Bohnert**, **Joanna Duggan**, **Amanda Mulhern**, and **Erin McLaughlin** were bridesmaids, and **Caitlin Flynn Todd**, **Matt Casciano**, **Mary Osing Casciano**, **Jennifer Condon Entwistle**, and **Patrick Loth** attended. Kristen is a creative and branding senior specialist for a medical association.

As for me, I started my own business, Culinary Connection by Next Course, in Manhattan in September. Our goal is to provide a free service connecting corporate and personal event hosts with restaurants in Manhattan.

2006

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Marine Capt. **Colin Jones** travels to North Africa with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 13.2 to conduct limited crisis response and humanitarian assistance.

Chareese Ross studies Russian and traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, to learn about poverty there. She volunteers with

international and exchange students at Georgetown University, introducing them to U.S. culture.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Chase Llewellyn** and Heather married in Virginia Beach in March with **Dimitri Salonikios**, **Zac Smith**, **Zack Ward**, **Laura Vigliotti '08**, and **Jameson Cowan '05** in attendance. They honeymooned in St. Lucia and live in Virginia Beach, where Chase is stationed.

Linda Fairall and **Neil Stedman**, who began dating as freshmen at Mary Washington, married in September on the Outer Banks. They live in Alexandria, Va., and own a bridal boutique, Fabulous Frocks of Alexandria. Neil also works in real estate development.

Katie Decker Tanis and Matt Tanis married in October. **Leigh Dorris** was maid of honor. The couple lives in Texas, where Matt is a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot.

Caitie Eck has returned to Virginia. In June, she and Erik Schaum celebrated their engagement with **Marion Bernstein**, **Nancy Raia**, **Andrea Wyatt**, **Megan Anderson**, **Shana Muhammad**, **Kevin Stallings**, **Ally Lee '05**, and **Kate Martland '05**.

Kirk Roberts and Lauren Freeze married in August and live in Richmond.

2007

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From Jay: I live in Tysons Corner, and I am an associate at the Alexandria law firm of LeClairRyan, doing business-to-business litigation. I hope to move to Pentagon City/Crystal City.

I was excited to see all the 2007 alumni at the Homecoming five-year reunion in October. If you missed the five-year reunion, be sure to update your contact information in the alumni directory so you will get future notices. Also, please consider giving to UMW this year. Your contribution of even \$20.07 makes a large difference in our rank among classes and to the community.

Josh Rutherford is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at La Salle University in Philadelphia. **Elizabeth Singletary** and Charlie Palen married in Vienna, Va., in October, and plan to honeymoon in Costa Rica in January. **Stephanie Barnes** is a registered nurse living in Newport News, Va.

Stephanie Tait is doing awesome! She plans to finish a master's degree and get married in May. She is a communications specialist at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and she has a dog, Gunner.

Allison James Airhart and husband **Alex Airhart '06** live in Northern Virginia and work at Volkswagen Group of America Inc. in Herndon. Allison has a JD from University of Florida and is corporate counsel for all group brands, including VW, Audi, Bentley, Lamborghini, and Bugatti. Alex has an MBA/master's degree from Florida and runs the VW national accessories sales program.

2008

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Ashley Sifer has a graduate degree from Saint Joseph's University and is a part of the Teach For America Four Corners 2011 Corps. This is her third year teaching high school English on a Navajo reservation in Northeastern Arizona. **Jessica McKenzie** of Boston is a channel account coordinator with HubSpot, the company that invented inbound marketing.

Dale McCleese received a promotion to battalion chief of the Prince William [Virginia] Fire and Rescue Department in 2008. In 2010, he became chief of the Manassas, Va., Fire and Rescue Department. He retired in May of 2011 and moved to the Northern Neck of Virginia, where he has an RV and enjoys traveling.

Lisa Wilkerson moved to Nashville, Tenn., to preserve the sweet sounds of Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. **Margaret Murray Bloom** and Noah

Bloom married in April and live in Charlottesville, Va., where Margaret has a special event venue and planning business.

Trevor Daubenspeck is pursuing an MBA at the Mason School of Business at William & Mary, where he served as president of the Graduate Student Council. **Alison Samuels** purchased a house and moved to a new job as a senior associate at a national accounting firm.

Will Trahan graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, where he received many top honors and awards. He plans to pursue a master of science degree and a periodontology residency at VCU.

Christine Chapman and **Colin Deyman '09** married in June at Winnekenni Castle in Haverhill, Mass. Christine uses her master's degree in microbiology doing cholera research at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Alyssa Lee is with Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital. She joined the D.C. Strokes Rowing Club and competed in three regattas.

2009

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Mary Lauren Schoen married Connor Garrison in Atlanta in October. They honeymooned in Puerto Rico and live in Atlanta. **Kaitlyn Butler**, a fifth-grade teacher in Spotsylvania, Va., plans to marry Patrick Boyle in July 2014.

Maggie White will pursue a master's degree focusing on animal-assisted social work in Denver. With a master's degree in special education from William & Mary, **Elizabeth Robey** teaches third, fourth, and fifth grades in Williamsburg, Va.

Alyssa Ballentine is in New Hampshire to begin an accelerated 16-month nursing program. **Brent Turner**, formerly known as "Colin," is a first-year medical student at MCV. He has a master's degree in public health and reproductive biology, and he

taught sexual education and was an HIV counselor in Baltimore city schools.

2010

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Renee Rosser married Grayson Atkinson in August 2012 in Richmond, Va. **Lindsay Meredith '11** was maid of honor, **Emily Sack** and **Caroline Simpson** were bridesmaids, and **Jessie Wallace**, **Lauren Hicks**, and **Maureen Stracke** attended.

Ashley Fariss Stewart is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at VCU. **Craig Stewart** plans to begin classes at VCU in spring toward an MBA. **Cat Brokaw Dobson** and **Justin Dobson** married in 2010; they bought a home in Fredericksburg, and they welcomed daughter Heidi last June.

After earning a master's of science degree in agriculture, specializing in soil science, at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif., **Lyssa Cousineau** is a staff scientist for a consulting and remediation firm in New Jersey.

We are so sorry to report the passing on Sept. 18, 2012, of our classmate and friend **Rebecca L'Heureux**, who grew up in Dover, Conn. She graduated with a double major in French and English, and she was a member of the equestrian team during her four years at UMW. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

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2012

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IN MEMORIAM

Cornelia Ivanette Wyatt Doggins '33

Merle Horne Wentz '37

Elizabeth "Bessie" Leonard Omohundro '38

Kathryn Nicholas Winslow '39

Pamela Weaver Brooks '40

Ruth Christine Duff Dyckman '40

Courtney Edmond Van Fossen '40

Frances Moseley Vaughan '40

Frances Elizabeth Eanes Meloy '41

Virginia Dare Dougherty Scott '41

Norma Lee Dickinson Walker '41

Esther James Putnam White '41

Marjorie Eileen Brown Farrell '42

Mary Jane Gibbs '42

Margaret P. Marshall White Heimbach '42

Katherine Jamison Wilshin '42

Lee Hall Archer '43

Jane Cameron Callison Bundy '43

Myran Russell Ten Eyck '43

Sue Raney Ingram '43

Adele Goyne-Maxwell '44

Elisabeth Wilburn Parker '44

Julia Hoffman Rose '44

Marjorie Smith Milling '45

Dixie Lee Moore '45

Nancy Gene Ellett Barrie '46

Phyllis M. Costuma Derrick '46

Barbara "Bobbie" Lee Zehrbach McCoy '46

Virginia Edmunds Reichert '46

Barbara Gustafson Baker '47

Margaret Helen Smith Graham '47

Roberta Foley Dixon '48

Polly Bridges Allen '49

Florence "Flo" Archibald Barrow '49

Bette Oakman Hodson '50

Patricia McGowan Payne Hill '51

Patricia J. Hyans Weiss '51



Betty Jefferson Blaisdell '52
 Lois Tinsley Clark '53
 Martha "Marti" Jane Hoke Harris '53
 Elizabeth "Lib" Cornell Matthes-Click '53
 Carol Napier Waller '53
 Kristina Massie Swain '55
 Laura Ellen Clarkson Hendrick '57
 Suzanne Hoenstine Morrow '57
 Mary Margaret Dunlap Clifton '58
 Virginia Person Moseley '58
 Judith Clare Ross Proctor '60
 Mary Jane Fitzpatrick '61
 Virginia "Ginnie" R. Cusick Hanlon '61
 Mary Sue Jeter McGraw '61
 Donna Stevens Boyd '62
 Betty Ann Baker Marker '63
 Jo Lynn Howell Savery '63
 Nancy Via Firestone '64
 Carolyn Thomas Perry '65
 Sandra Elizabeth Fields Seymour '65
 Dianne Louise Ferree '75
 Sue Bottoms Wade '76
 Lamar Wolcott Miller '77
 Katherine "Kathy" Hancock Shiflet '77
 Vesa R. Luukkonen '78
 Emile Jean Trimble '79
 Brenda Farmer Horton '80
 Jennie Leigh Flora '84
 Carol Louise Lynch '89
 Ramona Smith Supensky '90
 Amy Lynn Cassady Wassenberg '90
 Elizabeth Jean Eastwood-Mendez '91
 James Fletcher Richmond '95
 Shawn Michael Patrick O'Brien '07
 Rebecca "Becca" Warner L'Heureux '10

CONDOLENCES

Barbara Westerman Newlon '49, who lost her husband
 Betsy Hopkins Hays '60, who lost her husband
 Julia Shumaker Bailess '62, who lost her mother
 Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor '62, who lost her brother
 Pat Mackey Taylor '62, who lost her husband
 Carole LaMonica Clark '70, who lost her father
 Barbara Forgione Tansey '70, who lost her husband
 Karen Seiler di Stefano '81, who lost her father
 Diana Royer '81, who lost her husband
 Marcia Guida James '83, who lost her father
 Lee Ann Graves '86, who lost her mother
 Gregory Wassenberg '90, who lost his wife
 Marcie Pierson Brandriff '97, who lost her father
 Kimberly A. Rainbow Dalton '98, who lost her father
 Erin Broome Highton '00, who lost her father
 Erica M. Wood '16, who lost her mother

Dale L. Wright



Dale L. Wright, an associate professor in the College of Education, died unexpectedly Dec. 26, 2012, while visiting her daughter in Virginia Beach. She was 61.

Wright had taught aspiring elementary teachers at Mary Washington since 2001, focusing on language and literacy. She was director of the master of science in elementary education degree program, and she supervised teaching interns.

One of her favorite courses to teach was children's literature, which let her incorporate her background in drama and music, said Professor Marie Sheckels, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

During her Mary Washington career, Wright traveled with students to Ghana, where they shared information and teaching techniques with elementary teachers, learning from one another, Sheckels said. Wright also had participated in the Oxford Round Table in Oxford, England.

Not only was Wright a passionate teacher, "she was the very best kind of friend," said Associate Vice President of Human Resources Sabrina Johnson, whose friendship with Wright dated to Wright's first days at UMW. "She cared so much about everything she did, and she did it well."

In the classroom, she inspired her students to work through difficulties and meet challenges. "She wanted her students to be so well prepared for the world they were going to face," Johnson said.

Wright was on the board of directors of Smart Beginnings of the Rappahannock Area. She was a past member of the board of governors of the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region. She attended St. Jude's Catholic Church.

A native of Wilmington, N.C., Wright received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. She earned a doctorate in reading and writing instruction from the University of New Hampshire.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Trinette Herring and Jose Cano; two grandchildren, Mariana and Kieran Cano; six brothers; and many other relatives and friends.

George M. Van Sant

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy George Van Sant passed away Jan. 20, 2013, at age 83. He retired from UMW in 1990, and in 2004 he moved to Irvington, Va., with his wife, Melina Van Sant. She survives him, as do a daughter, four stepchildren, and nine step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Edward Van Sant, and by three wives, Shirley Van Sant; Peggy Van Sant, the mother of his children; and UMW Professor of English Susan J. Hanna.

See Closing Column, page 60, to read more about his life.



Nathaniel H. Brown

Nathaniel H. Brown, a professor of English at Mary Washington for more than 30 years, died Nov. 2, 2012, in New Mexico. He was 83.

He was a scholar of Romantic poets, with a particular interest in Percy Bysshe Shelley. Harvard University published his *Sexuality and Feminism in Shelley* in 1979. Brown was an avid tennis player during his Fredericksburg years. He also was a jazz enthusiast.

He moved to Santa Fe County, N.M., in 2007 to live with son Whitney Brown, daughter-in-law Beth Brown, and granddaughter Nola Grace Brown. Other survivors include daughter Curry Brown of Fieldale, Va., son Mackenzie Gates Brown of Austin, Texas, two brothers, and a sister.

Bernard C. Lemoine



Bernard Charles Lemoine, professor emeritus of music, passed away Jan. 19, 2013. He was 83.

A pianist, Lemoine joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1965 and served for 36 years. He taught music theory and focused on the 18th and 19th centuries, the period in which Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms wrote. He shared his appreciation of such Russian composers as Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev with his studio students.

Lemoine had a bachelor of music degree from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, a master of music degree in piano performance from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in music theory from the Catholic University of America.

A native of Massachusetts, Lemoine lived in Fredericksburg. He was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, harpist Suzanne DeLaney Lemoine. He is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and three brothers.

Alice B. Rabson



Alice Rabson, retired professor of psychology and outspoken advocate of equality for all, died Oct. 22, 2012. She was 92.

Rabson arrived on campus just as the coeducation era began, and she was an immediate and avid supporter of admitting men to what was then Mary Washington College. Throughout the 1970s and into the '80s, she taught such topics as psychology of women, human sexual response, personality, and social psychology.

Rabson helped form a Fredericksburg-area chapter of the National Organization for Women and encouraged students to join. She was among the founders of the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence, now called Empowerhouse.

Reginald W. Whidden



Professor Emeritus of English Reginald W. Whidden, former dean of the college, passed away May 8, 2012. He was 107.

According to *History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972*, by Edward Alvey Jr., Whidden was a beloved professor whose classes were quite popular. He rose through the ranks during his 27-year tenure at Mary Washington, helping shape the institution as it transitioned from a school for teachers to a liberal arts college. He worked to revise academics, refine the advising process, and revamp publications, all while maintaining a sense of humor and endearing himself to students.

Whidden arrived late for his first interview with President Morgan L. Combs, then inadvertently insulted him, but joked later about the incident, according to Alvey's book.

"They must have really wanted me here," Whidden said, "for, even after the remark, I got the job anyway!"

Among other things, his efforts paved the way for a publication that detailed degree requirements, a revised freshman handbook, and for-credit liberal arts seminars.

Whidden earned a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1937 and began teaching English at Mary Washington in 1943. He was named assistant dean of the college in 1956 and associate dean the following year. In 1967, he was named dean, succeeding his good friend Alvey. Whidden retired in 1970.

Before his death, Whidden lived in Connecticut, near his daughter, Sue Whidden Frisch '60. Besides Frisch, he is survived by his son, Thomas Howard Whidden, two grandsons, and a great-grandson.

After she retired from Mary Washington in 1985, Rabson joined the Peace Corps at age 65. She served in the Marshall Islands, teaching English and psychology, and writing and distributing information about health topics.

Back in Fredericksburg, Rabson continued to volunteer her time and talents. She was known for her crisply worded letters to the editor of *The Free Lance-Star*, and she was active in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg.

Rabson earned an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Purdue University. Her daughter, Ann Rabson, an internationally known blues musician, died in January. Alice Rabson is survived by her son, Steve Rabson, professor emeritus of East Asian studies at Brown University, who teaches at UMW, and by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



CLOSING COLUMN

David Cain, distinguished professor of religion, offered this remembrance of his colleague and friend, George Van Sant, distinguished professor emeritus of philosophy, who passed away in January.



Van Sant and Mary Washington: His Impact Is Everywhere

By David Cain

The richer we are because of someone, the poorer we are when that someone is gone. Such a someone was George

Van Sant. Some close to him called him “George”; some called him “Van” – almost as if his multifariousness needed more than one name. George or Van, as I knew him, was a commanding presence, not only because of his size, his outer demeanor, but also because of his inner demeanor, his internal energy, his conviction, his life.

Van’s conviction empowered his engagement. Van was as well-known as any Mary Washington faculty member has ever been, a defining presence and voice of the faculty. Before he retired, he had served on nearly every committee and as longtime department chair, both of the Department of Philosophy and of the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion – CPR. No one could with greater justification be called “Mr. Mary Washington,” whether entering with gusto and Wittgenstein T-shirt into volleyball at CPR picnics on Washington Avenue, parading up and down Campus Walk with bullhorn, announcing acts at Mary Washington Multicultural Fairs, or leading his colleagues as marshal of the faculty, a post he commanded – both actually and symbolically – from 1968 to 1975. “His tall figure stands out in academic processions as he carries the mace with impressive dignity and the military bearing one would expect of a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve,” Edward Alvey Jr. wrote in his *History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972*.

Entries concerning Van in Bill Crawley’s *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*, among the most numerous in the huge volume, where his name is preceded by “veteran,” “venerable,” “legendary,”

“esteemed,” etc., evidence his manifold concerns and investments.

Devoted to his discipline of philosophy, he was proud of CPR and of the department’s celebration of the liberal arts, of the humanities, and of interdisciplinary studies. Decades of students enjoyed and remember his “Introduction to Logic,” “Morals and Society,” “Philosophy of Science,” “History of Scientific Thought,” and “Kant,” among many other courses. Distinguished Professor of Philosophy George Van Sant received the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in 1986. A decade later, he was elected an honorary member of Kappa of Virginia, the Mary Washington chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The group’s spring 2011 initiation ceremony featured a special address by Van.

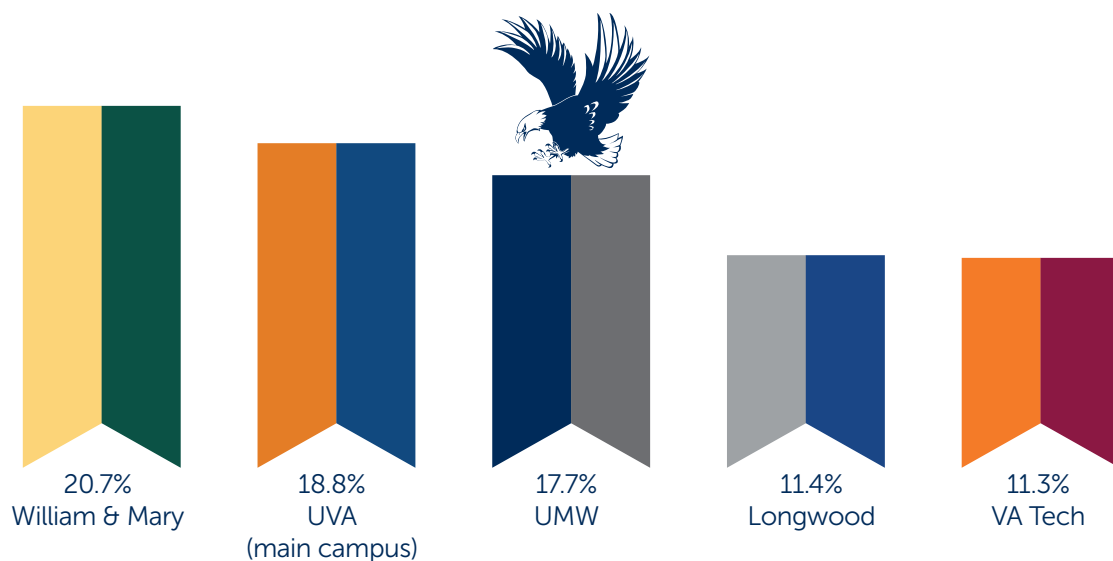
Nowhere was Van’s conviction more forcefully evidenced than in regard to race relations. Following the early observances of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Mary Washington College, Van led a packed Dodd Auditorium assembly out hand-in-hand to form a vast circle of hand-holding fellowship in Ball Circle.

Van was a grand ambassador for Mary Washington both internally and externally. His contributions to Fredericksburg trace “another life.” Wide-ranging interests were complemented by wide-ranging friendships. Mention someone in Van’s company, and chances are he knew him or her – and had stories to tell, amusing, kind, warmhearted stories, casting a revealing and lavish light back upon the storyteller. Likewise, Van was an imaginative and generous host. His doors – office and home – were ever open to diverse gatherings, bringing friends and strangers together.

Mary Washington would not have been – would not be – Mary Washington without him. His impact is everywhere.

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